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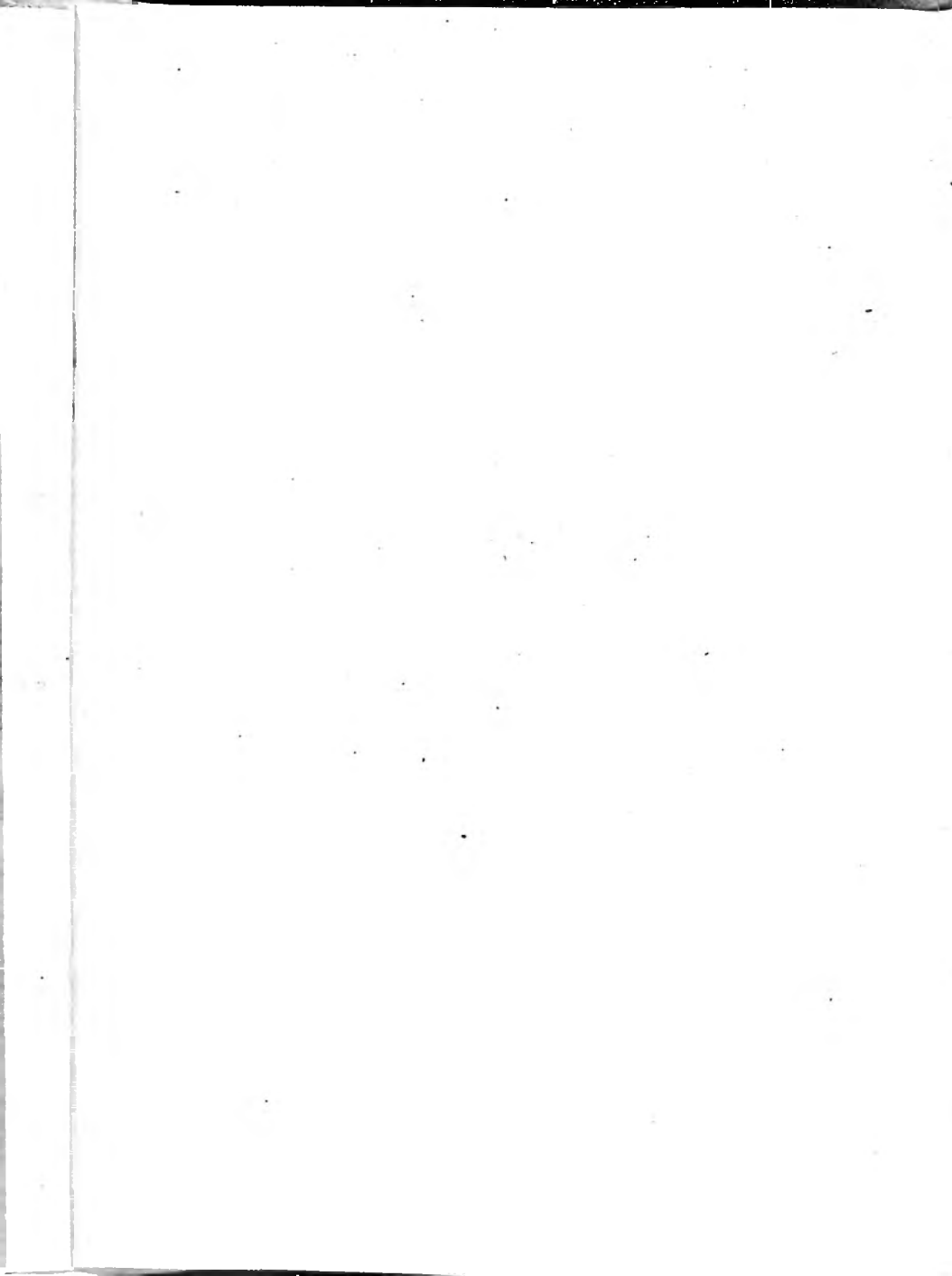
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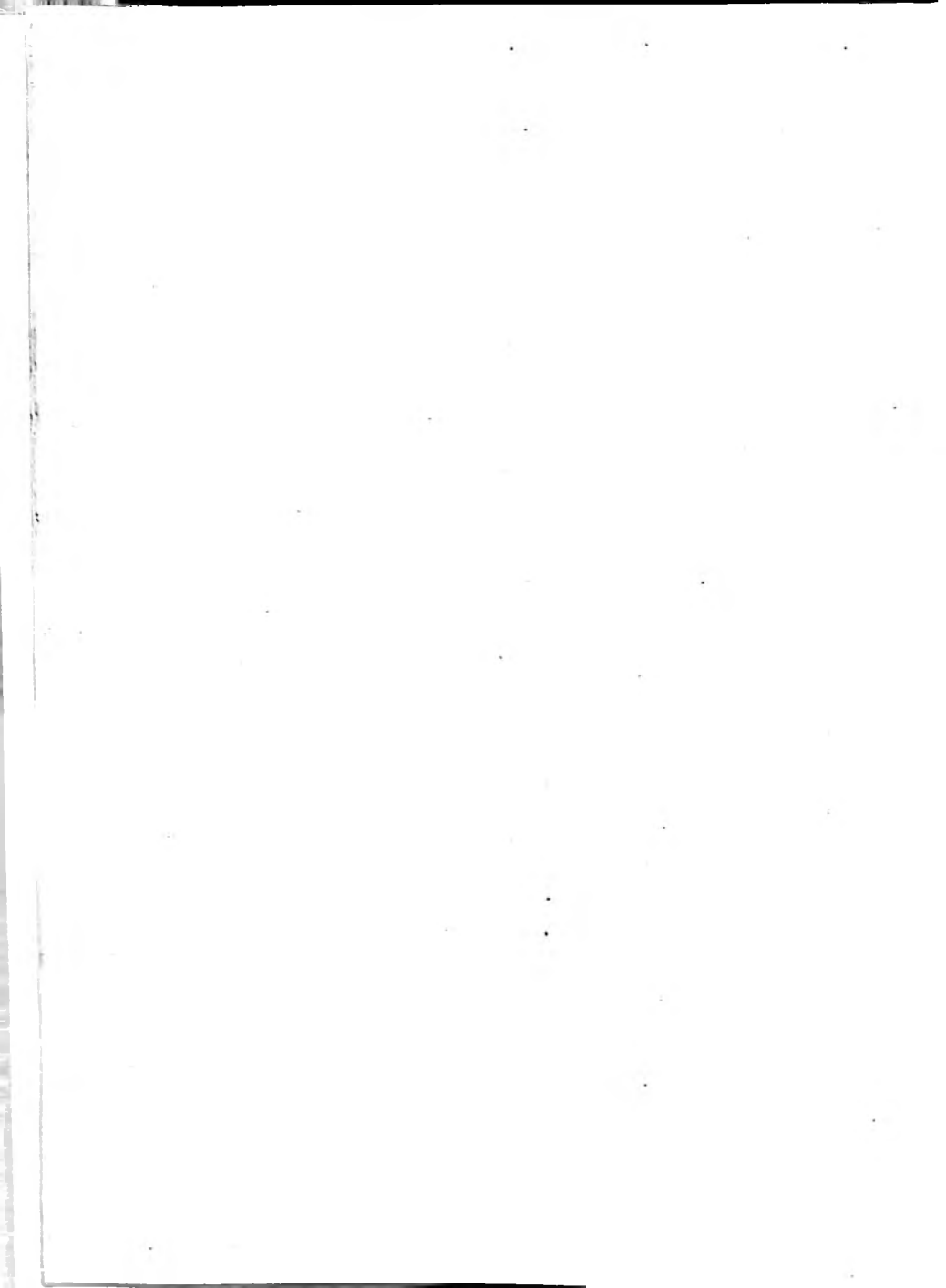
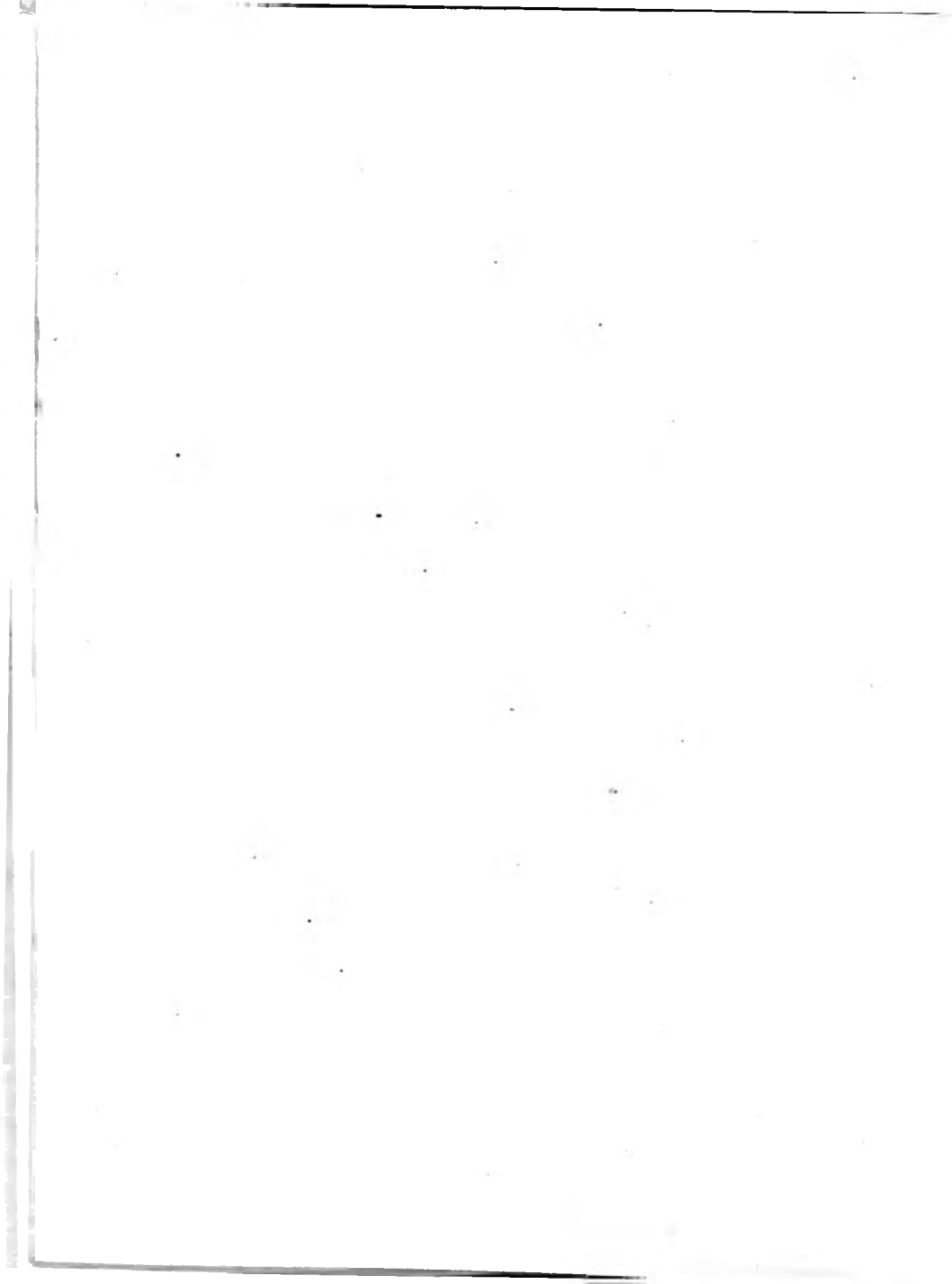


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INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC BUREAU

STATUTES.

I

CONSTITUTION.

1. — The International Hydrographic Bureau is an institution established by certain Maritime States and was taken under the direction of the League of Nations on 5th October 1921.

2. — States which were members of the Bureau at its creation in June 1921, those which have joined the Bureau subsequent to its establishment, and those which have withdrawn their membership, are enumerated in Appendices A, B and C.

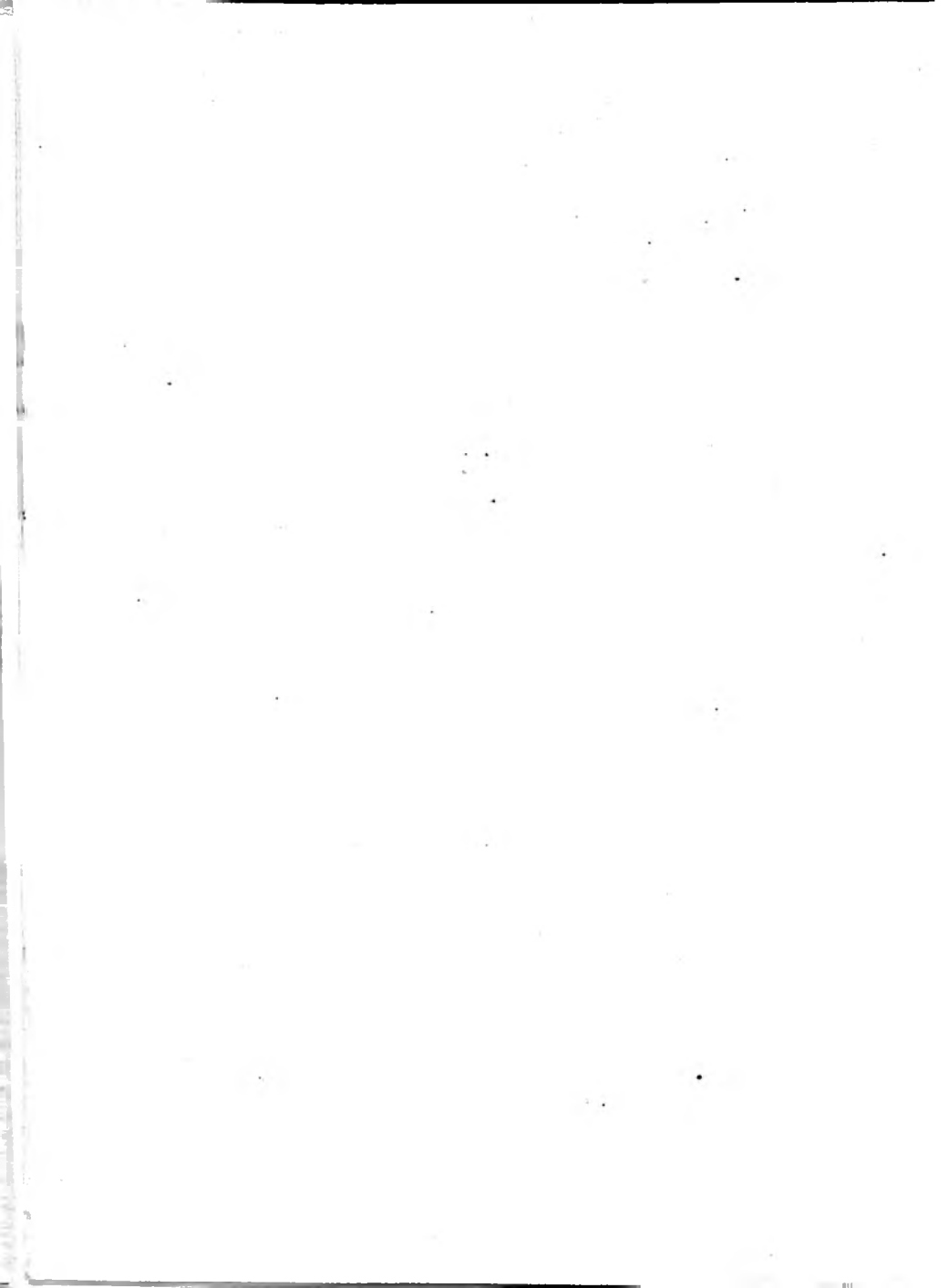
These Appendices shall be kept up to date by the Secretary-General.

3. (a) Any other State, Member of the League of Nations, if it so desires, shall be admitted as a member of the Bureau on condition that it pays its proportional part in the assets of the Bureau, as given in the Balance Sheet of the Annual Report if it is admitted before July 1st, and in a balance sheet to be drawn up for July 1st if it is admitted after that date.

(b) This proportional part will be calculated as follows :

The total amount of the assets of the Bureau, multiplied by the number of votes allocated to the new State Member according to its tonnage, and divided by the total number of votes allocated to the aggregate States Members before the admission of the new Member.

(c) The admission of States which are not members of the League of Nations, will be decided by the vote of the members of the Bureau, and not less than two-thirds of the number of these must give their consent to such admission, which implies the financial obligation mentioned in article 3 (a) & (b).

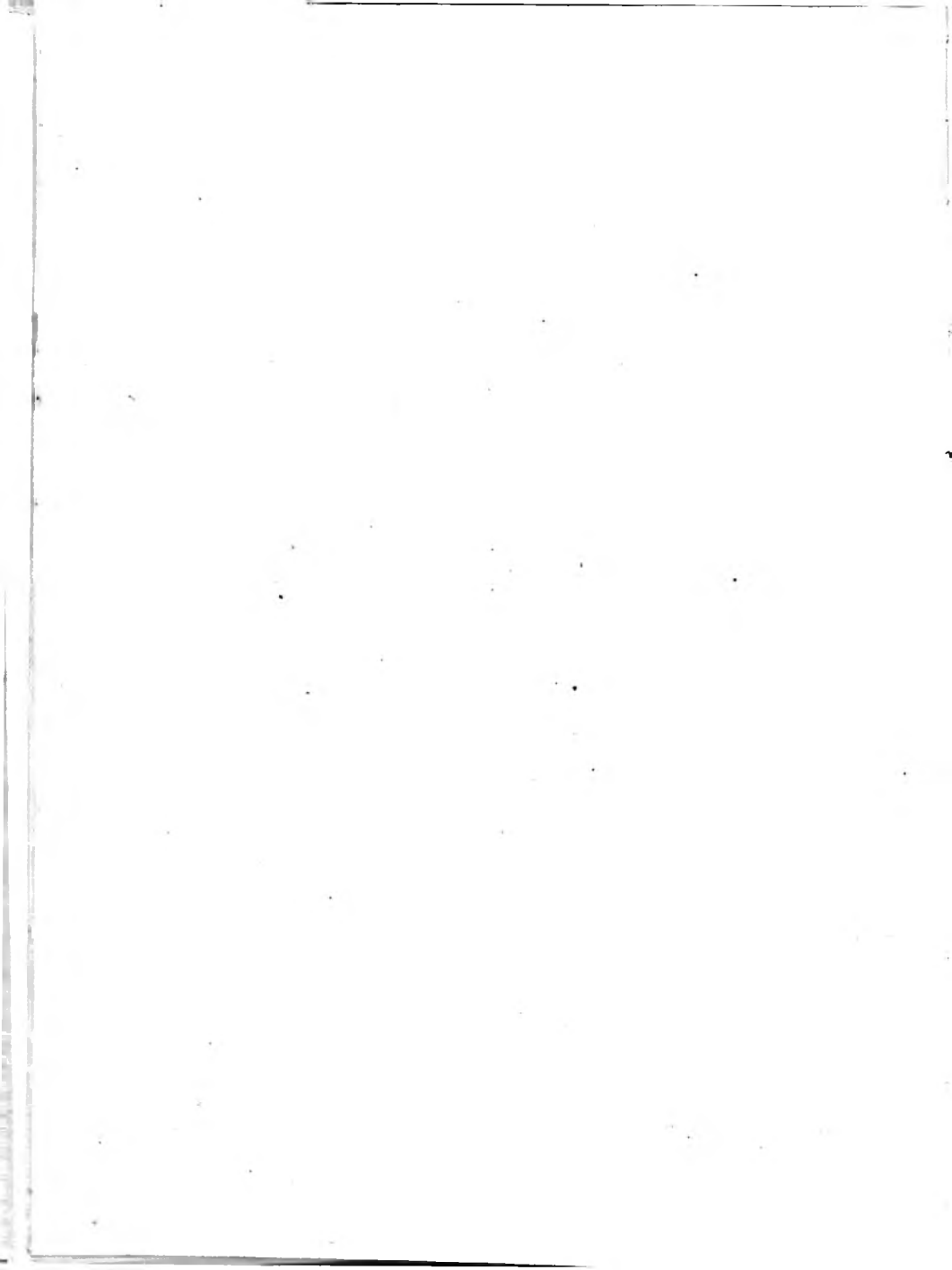


4. (a) The Membership of any State which has not paid its contribution towards the upkeep of the Bureau (*see* Art. 33 *et seq.*) for two consecutive years shall be suspended and such State will not be accepted again as a Member until the outstanding contributions have been paid.

(b) Any State Member which does not pay the full contribution due shall be given two years in which to make good the deficit, beginning with the first notice given by the Directing Committee; at the end of this period its Membership shall be suspended until the balance due is received.

5. (a) Any Member which wishes to withdraw from the Bureau can do so by notifying the Directing Committee thereof, but it shall, by this act, abandon all rights to the assets of the Bureau and to the benefits conferred by Membership.

(b) If its financial obligations to the Bureau are not settled before the withdrawal is notified, that state shall be crossed off the list of Members of the Bureau and may not again become a Member until the obligations have been settled in accordance with the Statutes, even though the State be a Member of the League of Nations.



II

OBJECTS AND POWERS.

6. — The Bureau has as its objects : —

(i) to establish a close and permanent association between the Hydrographic Services of its Members,

(ii) to co-ordinate the hydrographic work of these Services with a view to rendering navigation easier and safer in all the seas of the world,

(iii) to cause the Hydrographic Offices to adopt the Resolutions made by the International Hydrographic Conferences,

(iv) to endeavour to obtain uniformity as far as is possible in hydrographic documents,

(v) to encourage the adoption of the best methods of carrying out hydrographic surveys,

(vi) to advance the theory and practice of the science of Hydrography.

7. (a) The Bureau shall be a consultative body only, and shall have no authority whatsoever over the Hydrographic Offices of the Members, which remain entirely independent, with complete liberty and initiative.

(b) It shall never deal with any subject which involves questions of international policy.

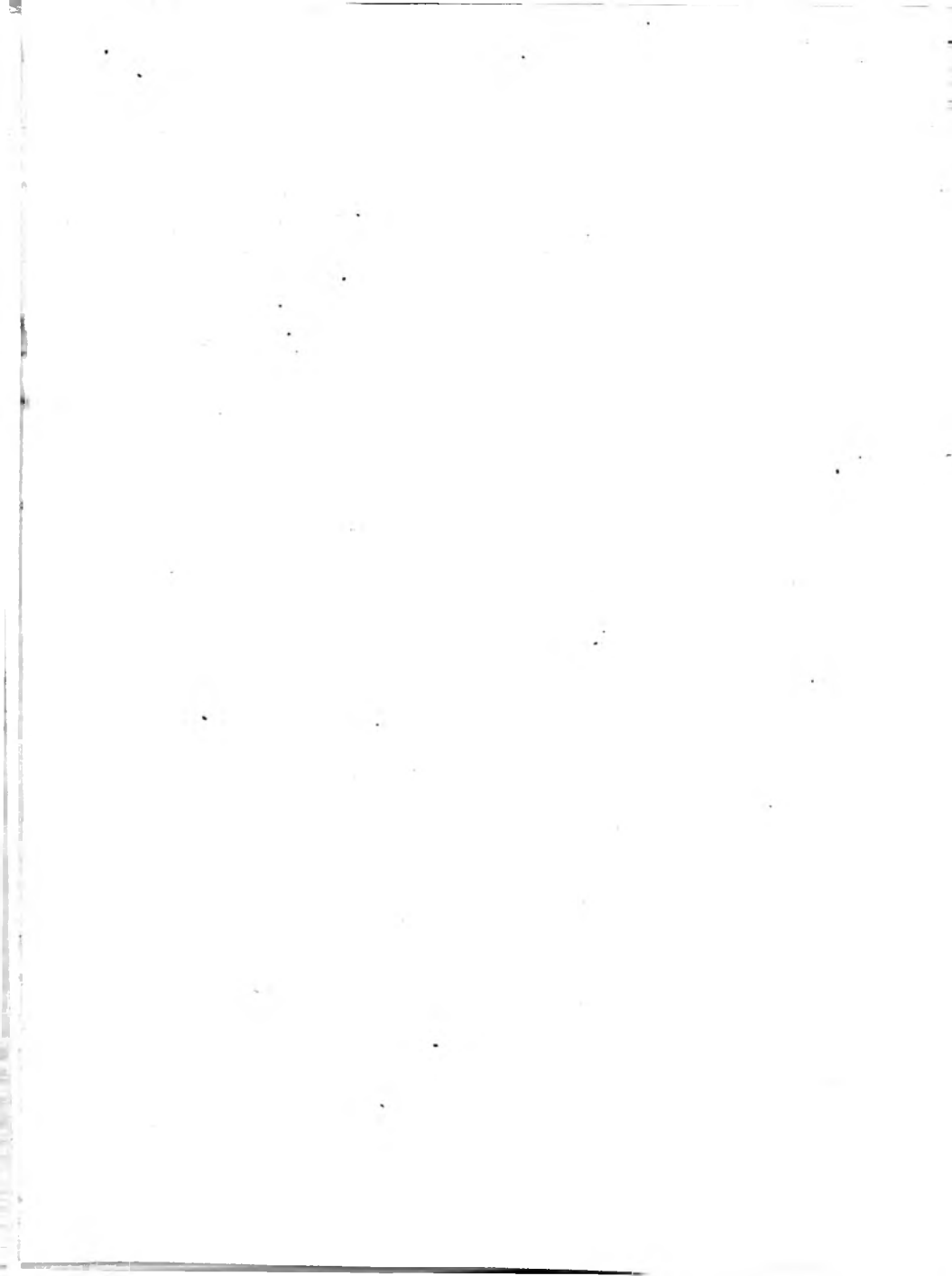
8. — The Bureau shall keep itself in direct and close communication with the Hydrographic and other scientific Offices of the Members.

It may communicate with such Offices of other States also, at its discretion.

9. (a) The principal work which should be undertaken by the Bureau is the following : —

(i) The study of documents published by Hydrographic Offices.

(ii) The drawing up and publication of various lists, such as of geographical positions, abbreviations and conventional signs used on charts, *etc.*



(iii) The study of methods of hydrographic surveying.

(iv) The study of methods employed for the production of the results of surveys for publication.

(v) The study of the construction and use of hydrographic instruments and appliances, the principles of which have been approved by any Hydrographic Office.

(vi) The study of the methods of recruiting and training personnel for surveying vessels and Hydrographic Offices.

(vii) The making of researches on any other subjects which affect Hydrography.

(b) Reports on the result of such studies and research, which appear to be of general interest, shall be sent to the Members.

10. (a) For the purpose of making the studies and researches referred to in Article 9, the Bureau shall form collections of : —

(i) all the latest editions of the charts and works published by the Hydrographic, and other Offices of the Members with reference to their own coasts and those of their Colonies.

(ii) a full set of catalogues and index charts, published by all countries.

(b) It shall also collect such documents issued by the Hydrographic and Meteorological Offices of various Nations which might prove useful to Hydrography and Navigation.

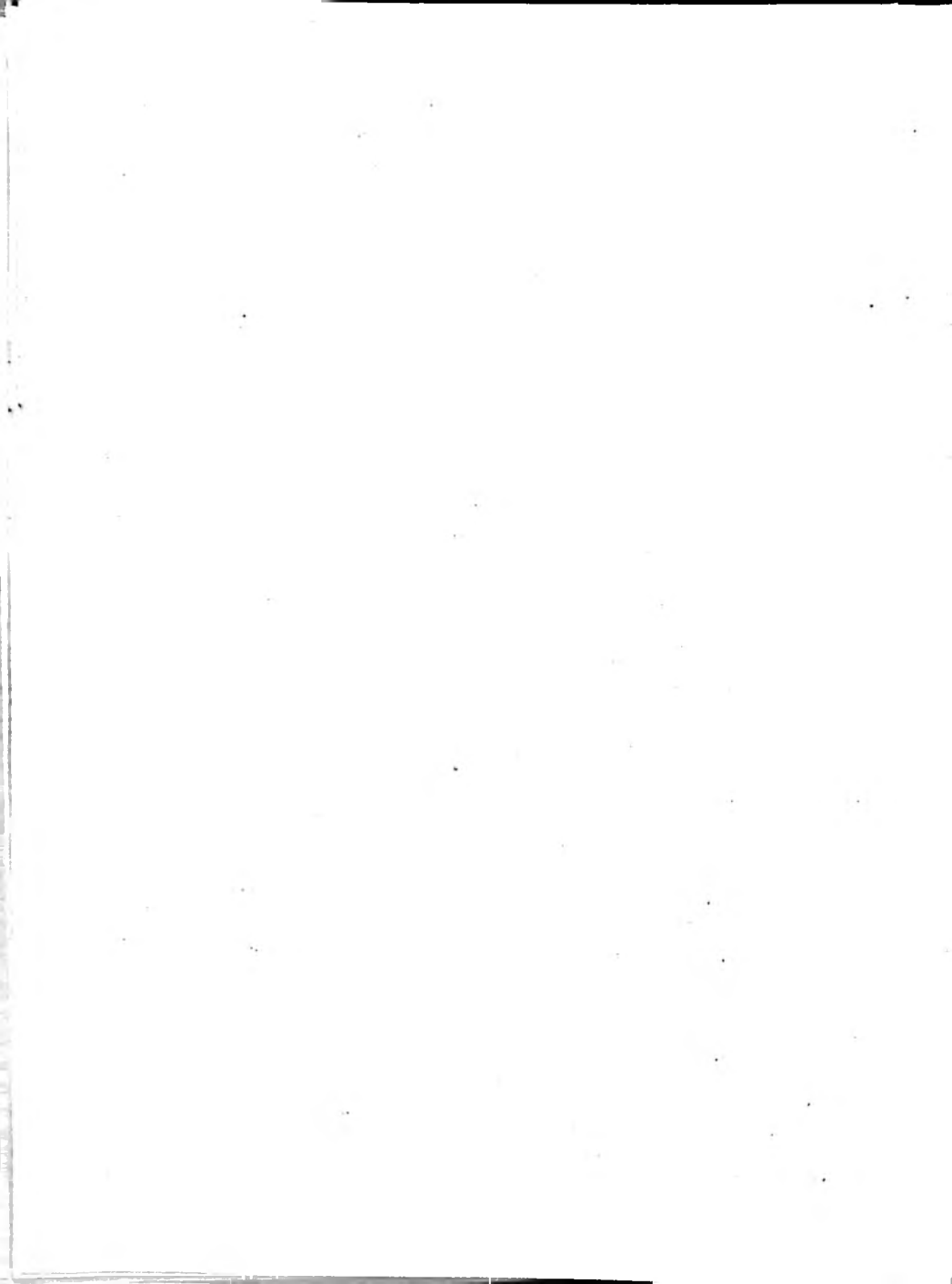
(c) These collections should be kept complete and, for this purpose, the Hydrographic Offices of the Members will send to the Bureau a copy of all necessary new editions and publications.

(d) It will form a collection of documents of a hydrographic character which are considered to be standard works.

11. — The Bureau will prepare, for issue to the Members, a list, as complete as possible, of hydrographic documents or publications which are of historical interest and which are to be found in the various Hydrographic Offices or in Libraries.

12. — The Bureau will distribute to the Members any useful information it receives on the subject of surveys or publications which have been carried out or published or are being prepared in the Offices of Members, whether such work be new or for the purpose of revision.

As far as possible it will obtain such information from the Hydrographic Offices of other States and will publish it immediately.



13. -- The Bureau will inform the Hydrographic, or other competent Offices of the Members, of hydrographic work of an international character and of questions which are of general interest which it might be useful to study or to undertake.

It will do its best to cause such questions to be solved or such work to be executed by obtaining the necessary collaboration between the interested States.

14. — The Bureau will use its influence with the Hydrographic Offices to encourage the survey of those parts of the coasts of their countries which appear to be insufficiently surveyed and the publication of information necessary for the safety of navigation in the vicinity thereof.

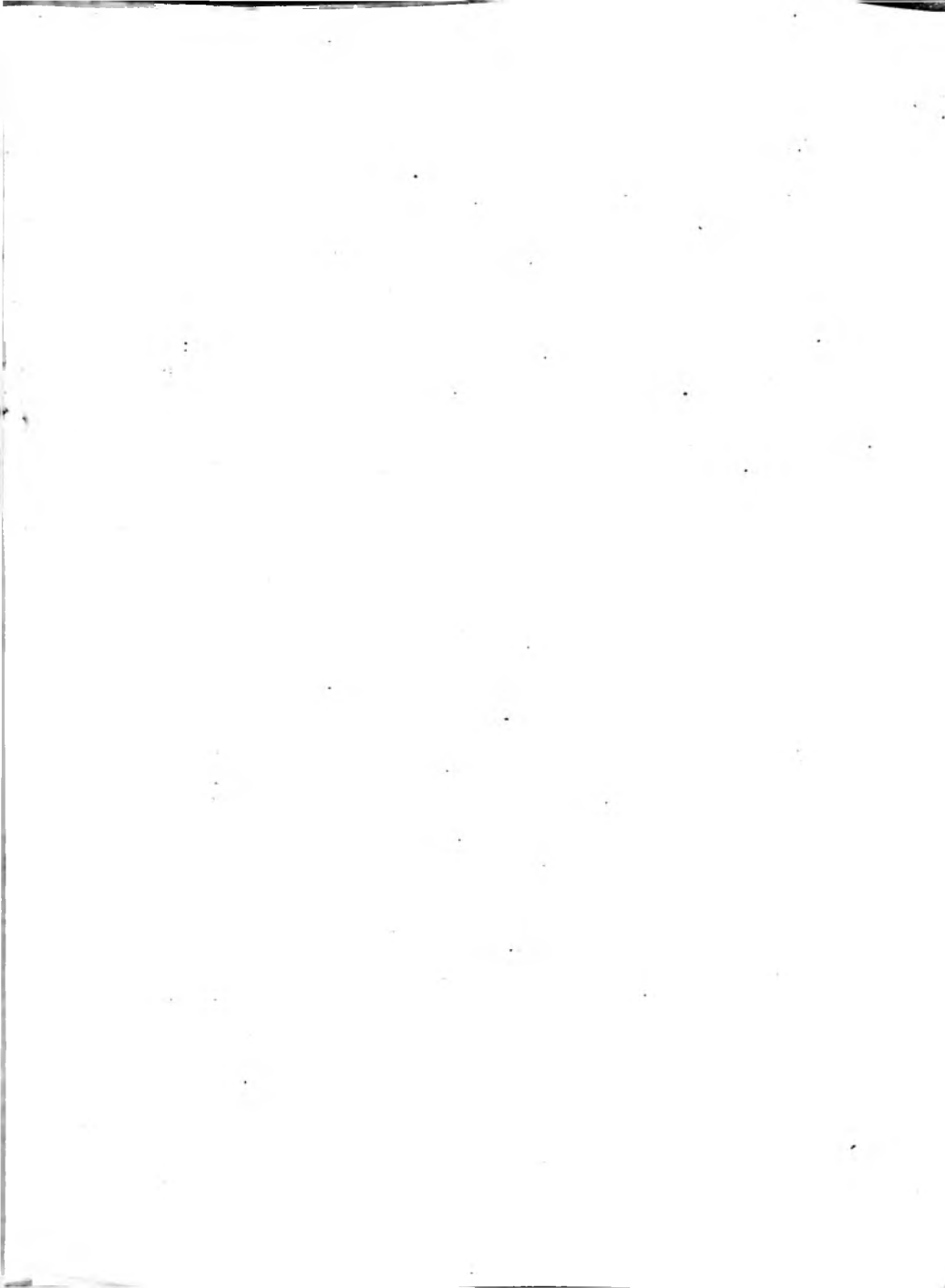
Where no particular national Office is concerned it will communicate with the Office or Offices specially interested.

15. (a) The Bureau will satisfy as far as possible all requests for information or advice in connection with its work addressed to it by a Member.

(b) Questions which can be dealt with directly between two Hydrographic Offices should not, as a rule, be referred to the Bureau.

16. — The Bureau will, on request, tender its advice and assistance to those States which have not yet established a Hydrographic Service, or whose Hydrographic Services are not fully developed, in order to enable them to establish or further develop such Services.

17. The Bureau shall give a considered opinion on all questions dealing with its work which are referred to it by Conferences or by Scientific Institutions.



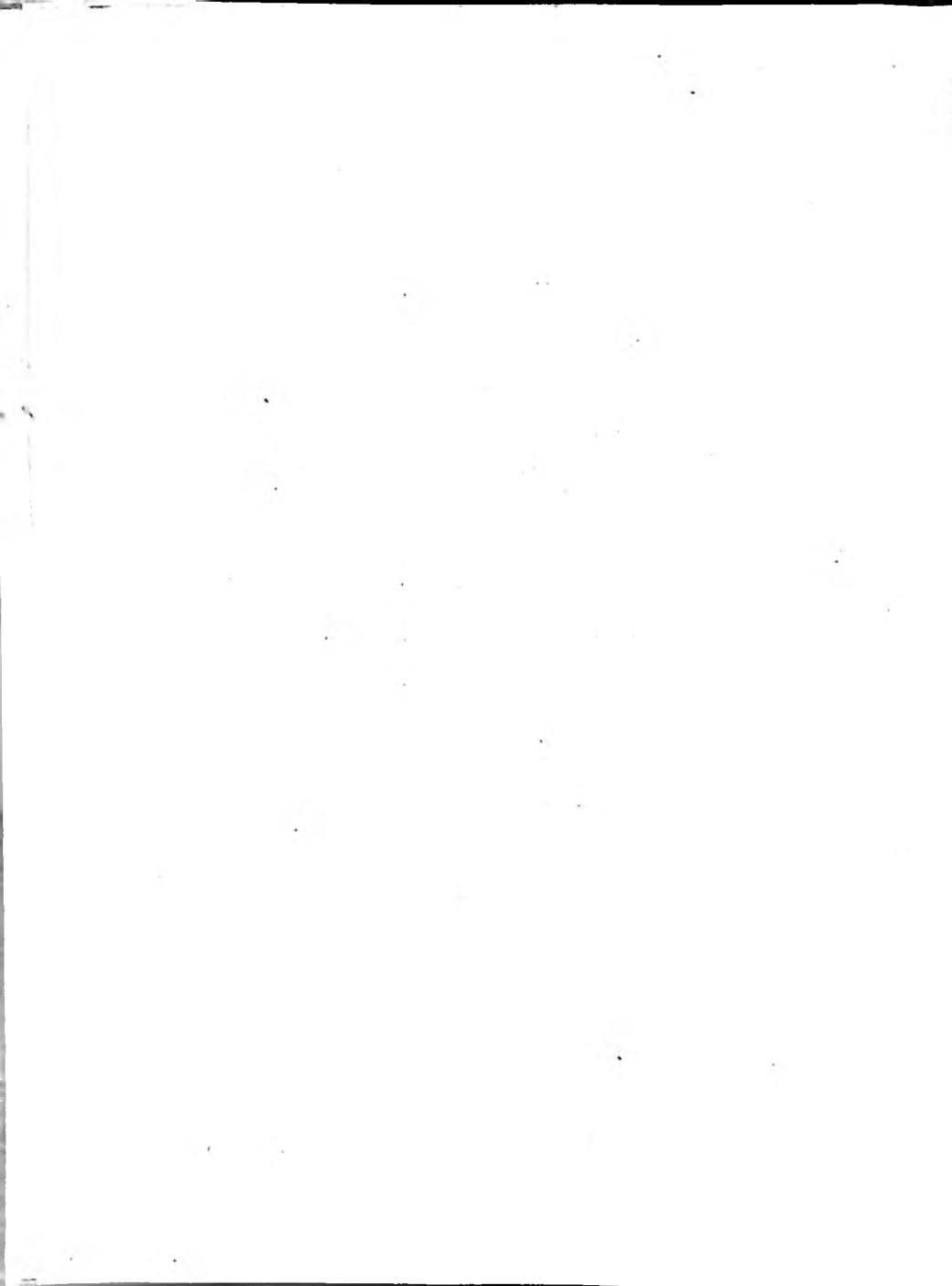
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REPRESENTATIVES.

18. For the purpose of correspondence with the Bureau the Governments of the Members will appoint Official Representatives who should be, for preference, the Heads of the Hydrographic Services.

19. — Any Member may temporarily attach to the Bureau an Official for the purpose of obtaining information, and the Bureau shall give him every facility for this work.

Such official shall not become a member of the personnel of the Bureau.



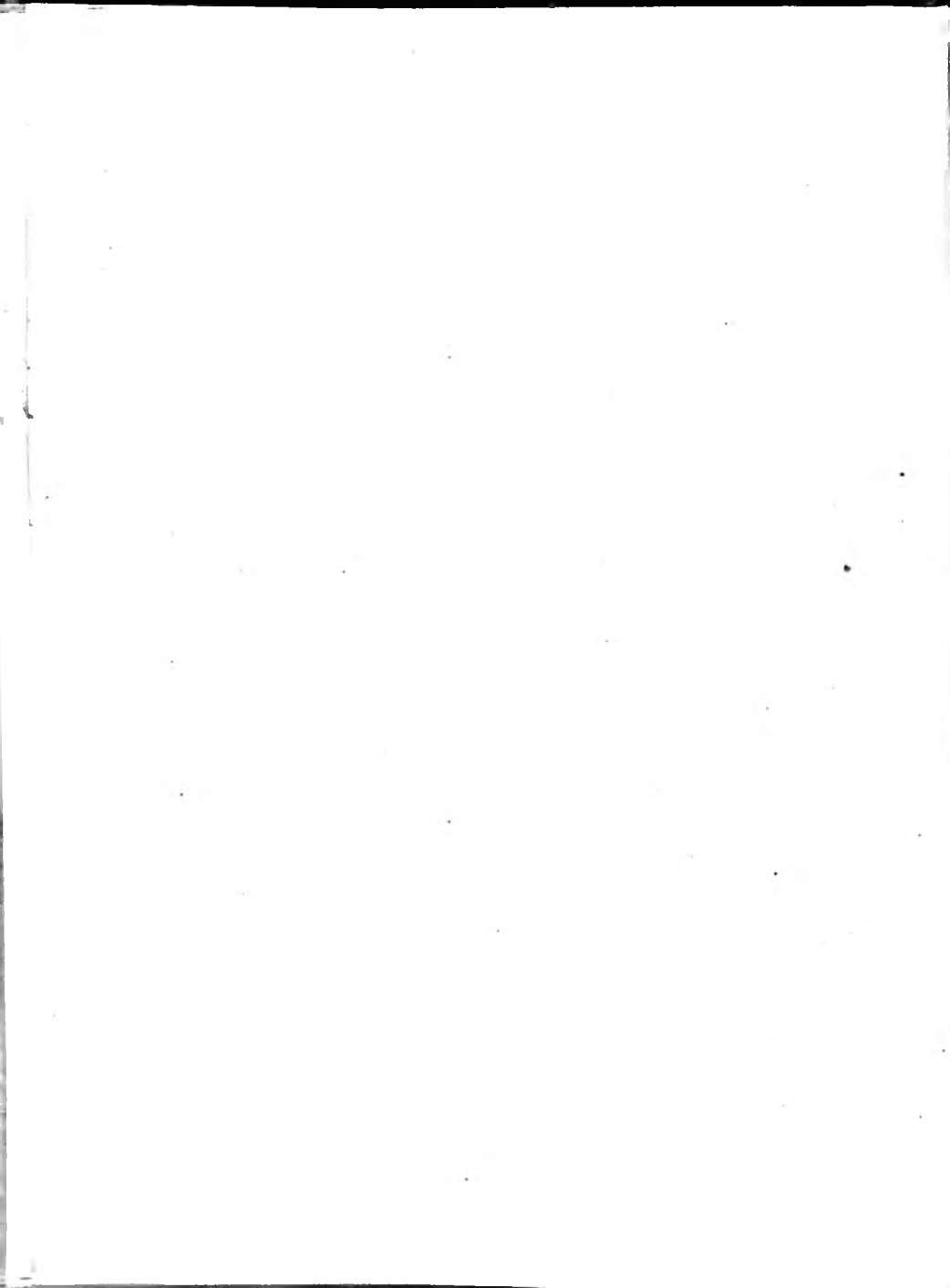
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SEAT AND LANGUAGES OF THE BUREAU.

20. — The seat of the Bureau is in the Principality of Monaco.

21. (a) The languages used by the Bureau are those which have been adopted by the League of Nations, namely French and English.

(b) Any State, if it considers it preferable, may make use of another language in its communications with the Bureau which, however, shall not be held responsible for any delay which may ensue if any such other language is used.



V

CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF THE DIRECTING COMMITTEE.

(See also Article 61)

22. — The Bureau shall be governed by a Directing Committee which is responsible for the efficient performance of its work : —

(i) This Committee shall consist of three members, to be called Directors, one of whom shall act as President. Their order of precedence and the method of their election are regulated by Articles 59 and 60.

(ii) The Directors must be of three different nationalities and should have had considerable sea experience and have great knowledge of practical Hydrography.

(iii) In the elections the technical acquirements only of the candidates should be taken into consideration. No particular rank or other standing is required of them.

(iv) A Director, having been incapacitated for duty for six consecutive months, or for an aggregate of twelve months, if not consecutive, during his mandate, shall automatically cease to be a Member of the Directing Committee.

(v) In every three years of service, each Director is entitled to two months' leave, exclusive of travel time, for the purpose of visiting his own country, and reasonable travelling expenses to and from his home or official residence shall be refunded to him.

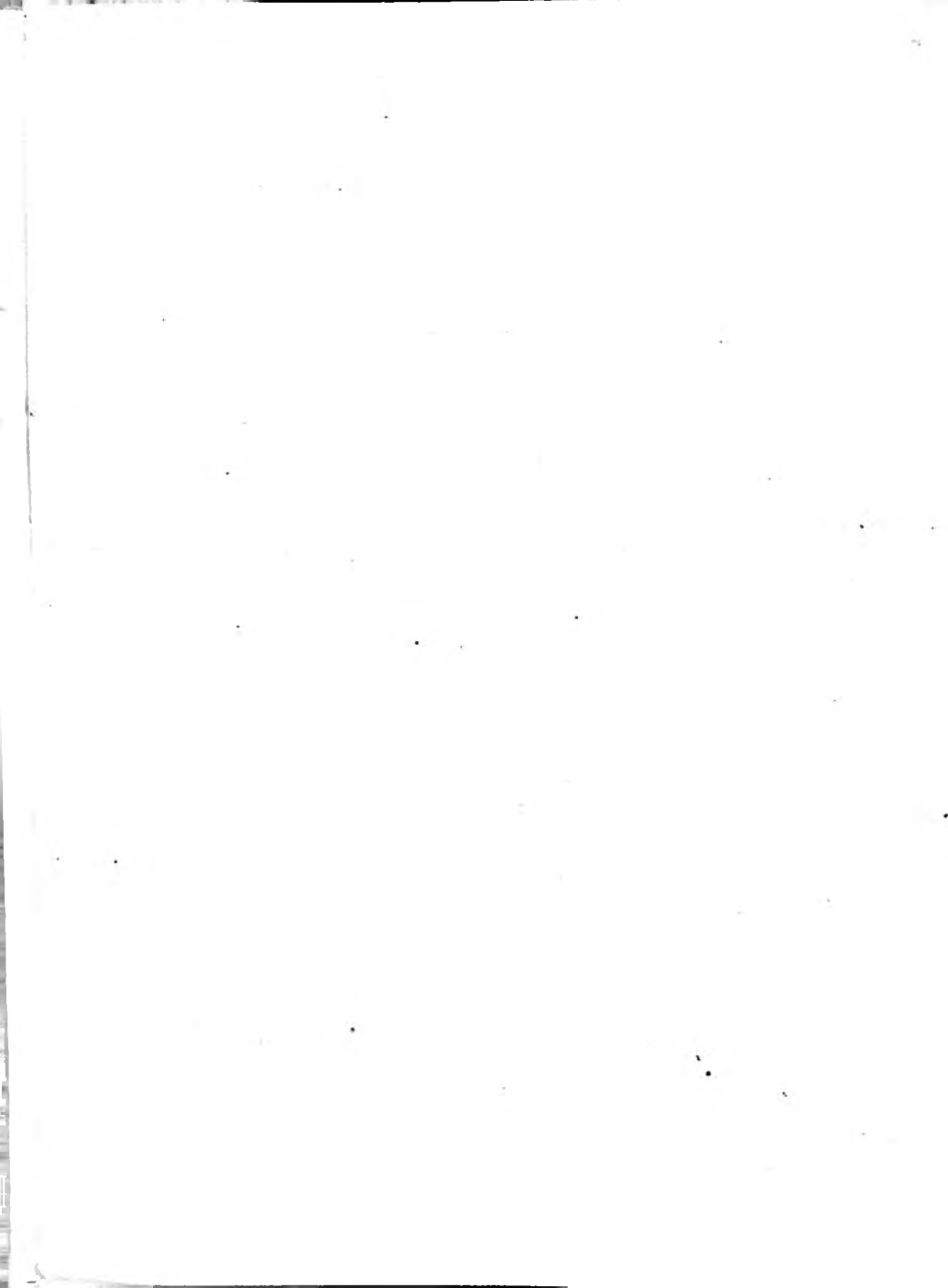
23. The Members of the Committee shall be appointed for a period which terminates on the last day of the third month succeeding that during which the new Committee has been elected.

24. — The Members of the Committee are eligible for re-election.

25. — Each Director will be specially nominated to take charge of one or more branches of the work of the Bureau, but the Committee should deliberate on all the important questions dealing therewith.

26. — The Committee shall meet at least once a week.

If only two Directors attend a Committee meeting and a decision cannot be postponed to a full meeting, the vote of the President or of the Acting President shall be preponderant.



VI

PERSONNEL.

27. -- The personnel of the Bureau shall be under the control of the Directing Committee.

28. -- The personnel shall consist of a Secretary-General and a certain number of technical and administrative employees.

29. (a) The Secretary-General shall be chosen by the Directing Committee from amongst the candidates selected for this post by the Delegates to the Conferences according to the method described in Articles 59, (x) and (xi), and 60.

(b) It is essential that the Secretary-General should be familiar with hydrographic surveying and its methods, and he should be well acquainted with the languages used by the Bureau.

(c) There are no restrictions as to his nationality except that laid down by Article 59 (i).

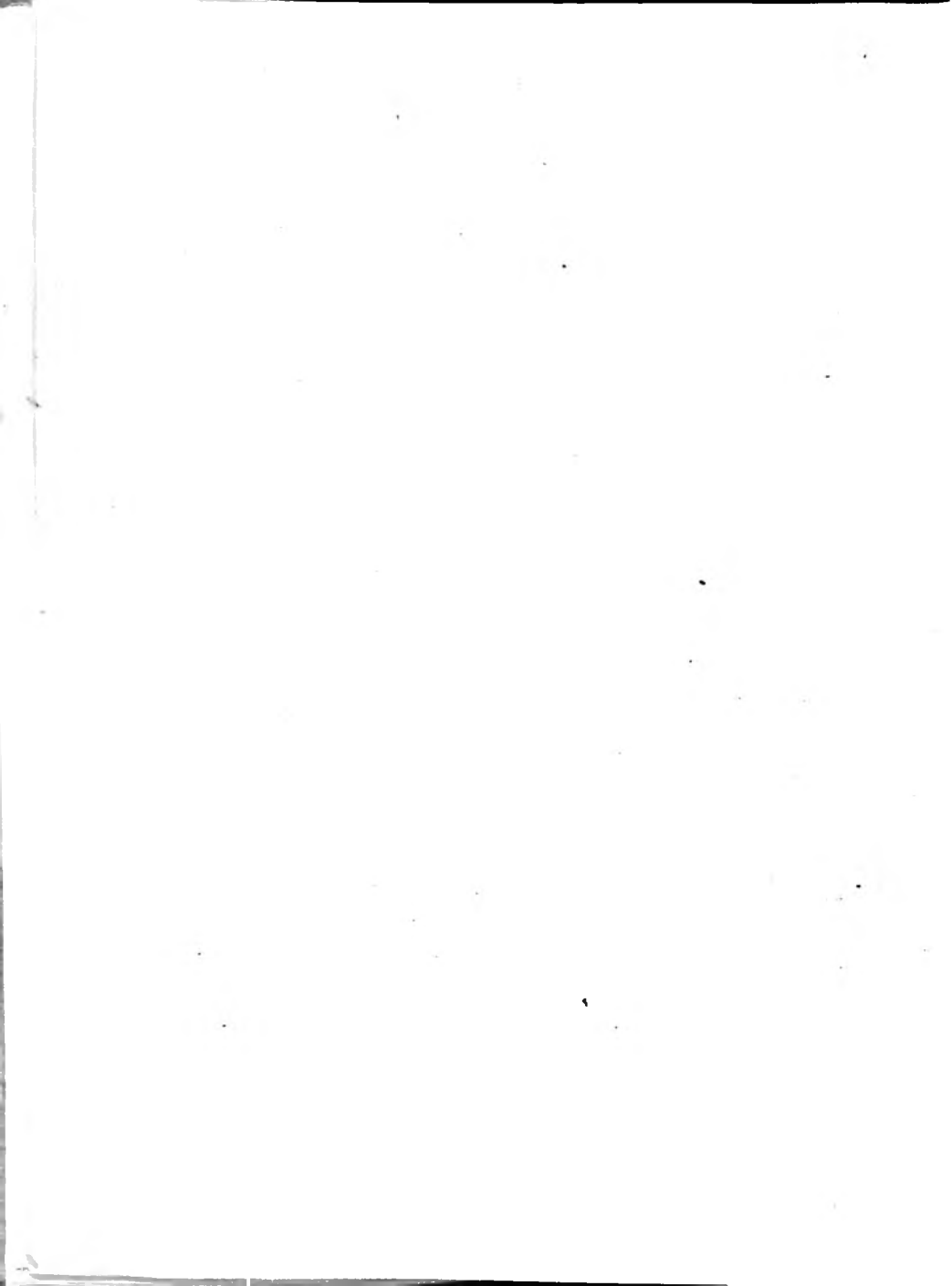
(d) The Secretary-General, having been incapacitated for duty for six consecutive months, or for an aggregate of twelve months, if not consecutive, during his mandate, shall automatically cease to be Secretary-General.

(e) In every three years of service, the Secretary-General is entitled to two months' leave, exclusive of travel time, for the purpose of visiting his own country, and reasonable travelling expenses to and from his home or official residence shall be refunded to him.

30. -- The Secretary-General shall be appointed for the same period as are the members of the Directing-Committee (*see* Article 23).

31. -- He may be nominated as a candidate for the post of Secretary-General at the next election.

32. -- The technical and administrative employees shall be appointed as necessary, by the Directing Committee.



VII

FINANCE.

33. (a) The receipts of the Bureau and the salaries of the Directors and of the Secretary-General shall be calculated on the basis of an international standard which is the gold franc.

(b) The contributions of the Members, towards the upkeep of the Bureau, shall be based on this standard and they should be paid to the account of the Bureau at its Bank.

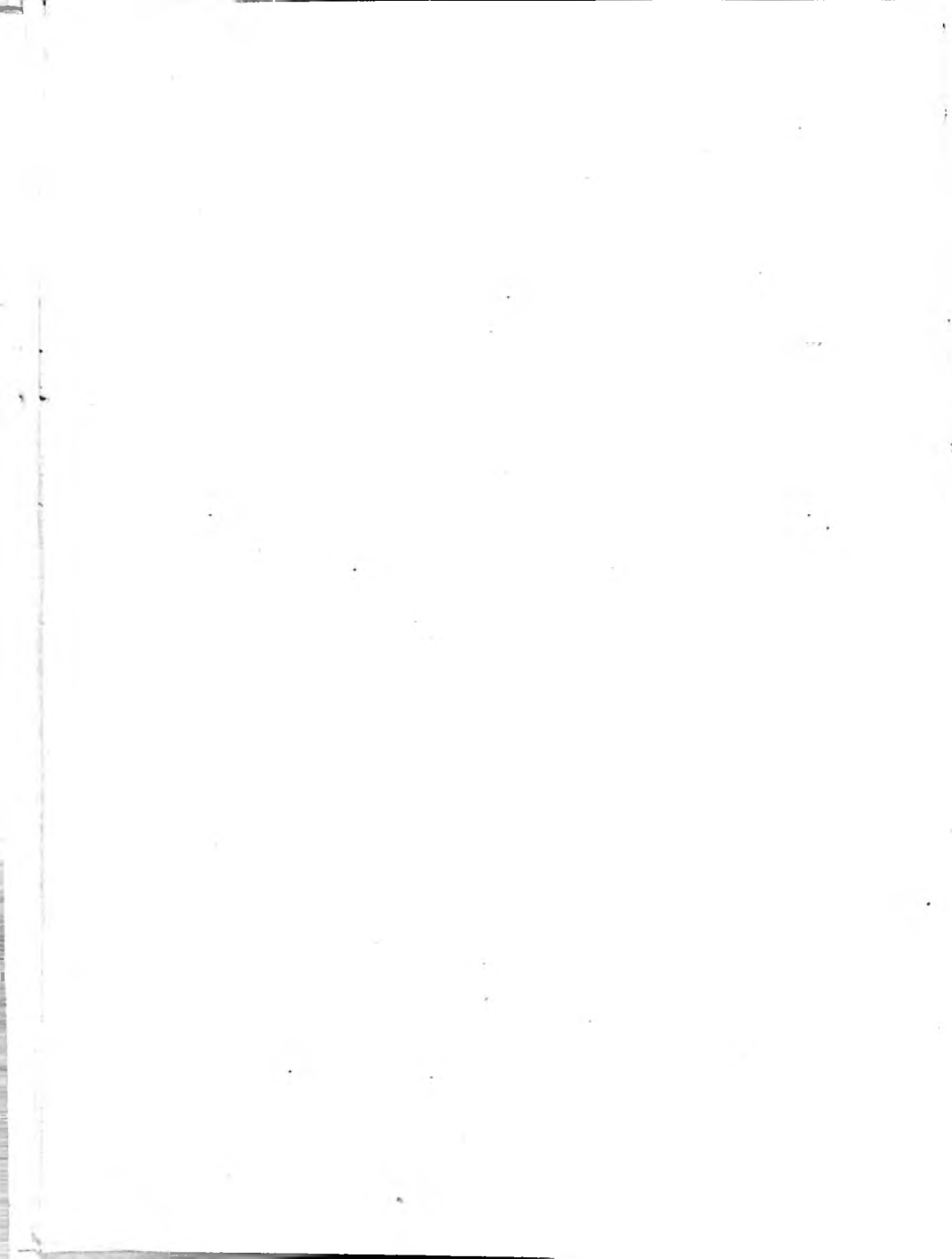
34. (a) The contributions of the Members shall be fixed by the following rules : —

(i) All tonnage mentioned is gross tonnage and vessels of over 200 tons only are taken into consideration.

(ii) For the purpose of obtaining the approximate gross tonnage of ships of war, this shall be taken as six sevenths of the displacement tonnage.

(iii) Each Member shall subscribe two shares of 2,000 francs gold ; those which own 50,000 tons of shipping or more (Navy and Merchant Marine), shall contribute supplementary shares of the same value in accordance with the following scale :

TONS IN 100,000	Supplementary Shares.	TONS IN 100,000	Supplementary Shares.	TONS IN 100,000	Supplementary Shares.
0.5 — 1.8	1	22.6 — 31.9	6	106.2 — 128.9	11
1.9 — 4.0	2	35.0 — 49.5	7	129.0 — 153.3	12
4.1 — 7.8	3	49.6 — 66.3	8	153.4 — 179.7	13
7.9 — 13.6	4	66.4 — 85.2	9	179.8 — 207.4	14
13.7 — 22.5	5	85.3 — 106.1	10	above 207.4	15
					max)



(b) The tonnages taken for the purpose of determining the contributions of the States Members are given in Appendix D, which is to be kept up to date by the Directing Committee. All alterations in this Table shall be submitted to the States Members for approval (*see* Art. 61 (b) and 64).

35. (a) The scale given in Article 34 (a) (iii) determines also the number of votes allocated to each member in the elections for the Directors and Secretary-General (*see* Articles 59 and 60). The number of votes is the same as the number of shares. The Table which shows the shares, votes and contributions of the States Members is contained in Appendix E and is to be kept up to date by the Directing Committee. All alterations in this Table shall be submitted to the States Members for approval (*see* Art. 61 (b) and 64).

(b) The principality of Monaco is treated on a special basis. To it are allotted two votes and its annual contribution is fixed at 6,000 French Francs paper.

36. — Should a Possession of a Member be or become a Member of the League of Nations as a separate State and elect to be treated as such by the Bureau, the Appendices D and E will be adjusted by the Directing Committee in accordance with information obtained from the Governments concerned.

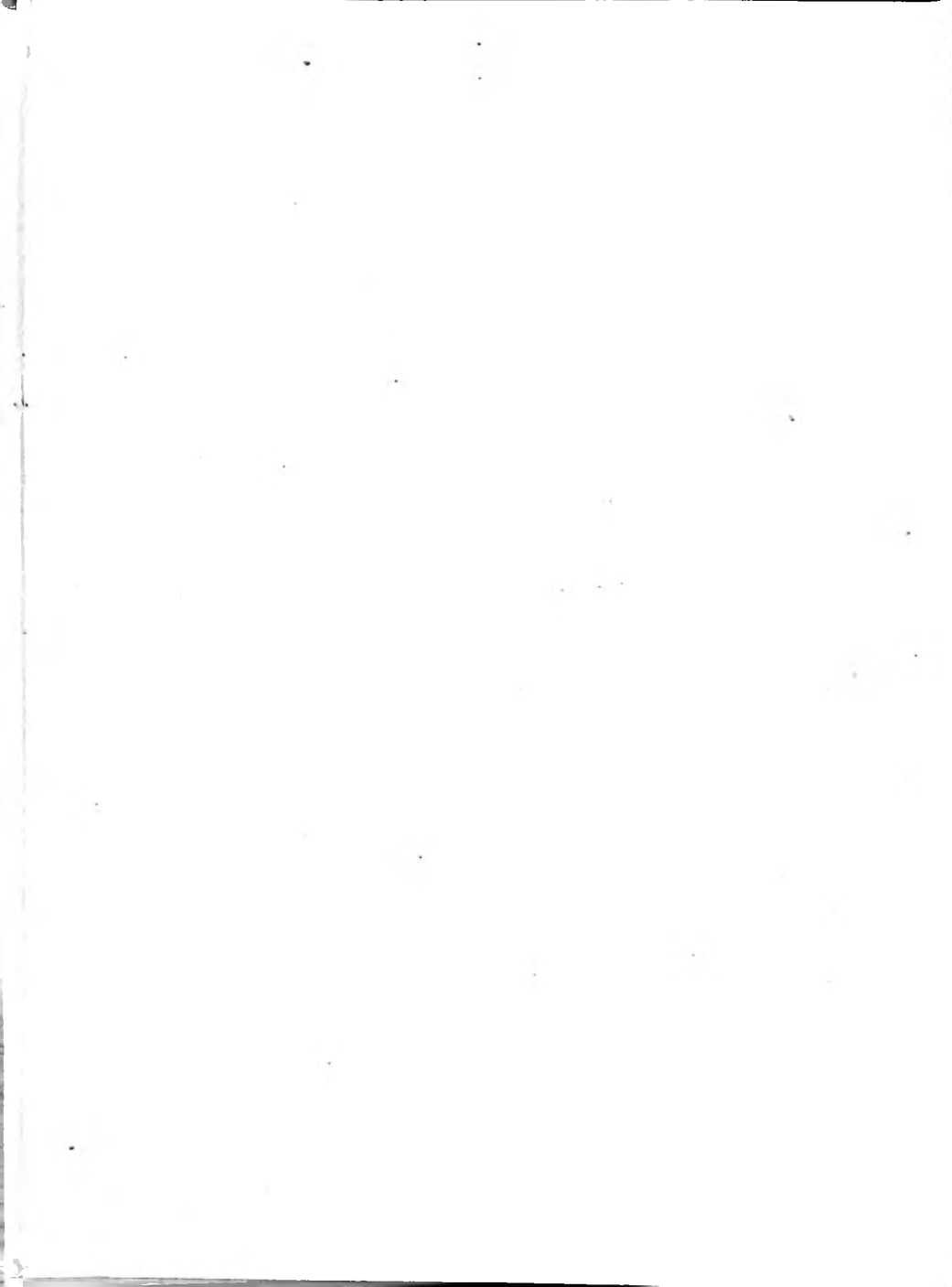
37. — To become effective in the election for the Directors and Secretary-General, alterations which Members consider should be made in Appendices D and E must reach the Directing Committee at least ten days before the opening date of a Conference. Such alterations will be submitted to the Conference for approval at the first Plenary Session.

In the case of a bye-election, any alterations proposed must reach the Bureau not later than the latest date fixed for the receipt of the lists of candidates.

38. — The contributions should be paid by each Member within the first six months after the commencement of its financial year.

39. — The financial year of the Bureau coincides with the Gregorian calendar year.

40. — A State which is admitted as a Member of the Bureau before 1st July in any year shall make a full year's contribution and, if on or after 1st July, shall make a half year's contribution as established by the scale shown in Article 34 (a).



41. The annual salaries of the Members of the Directing Committee and Secretary-General shall be : —

For each of the three Directors.....	28,200	gold Frs.
For the President of the Directing Committee, an allowance	4,200	"
For the Secretary-General	21,900	"

42. (a) All salaries shall be paid monthly in arrear.

(b) Should a Director or the Secretary-General resign with the approval of the Directing Committee or should he die during his tenure of office, his salary will be paid in full to the end of the month in which the resignation or death took place.

43. (a) All funds of the Bureau shall be under the control of the Directing Committee.

(b) No expenditure exceeding 100 gold francs shall be incurred without the approval of one the Directors; before payments exceeding 1,000 gold francs are made the approval of the Committee must be obtained.

(c) A reserve fund to meet extraordinary expenditure shall be formed. The amount of this fund shall be decided by the Directing Committee.

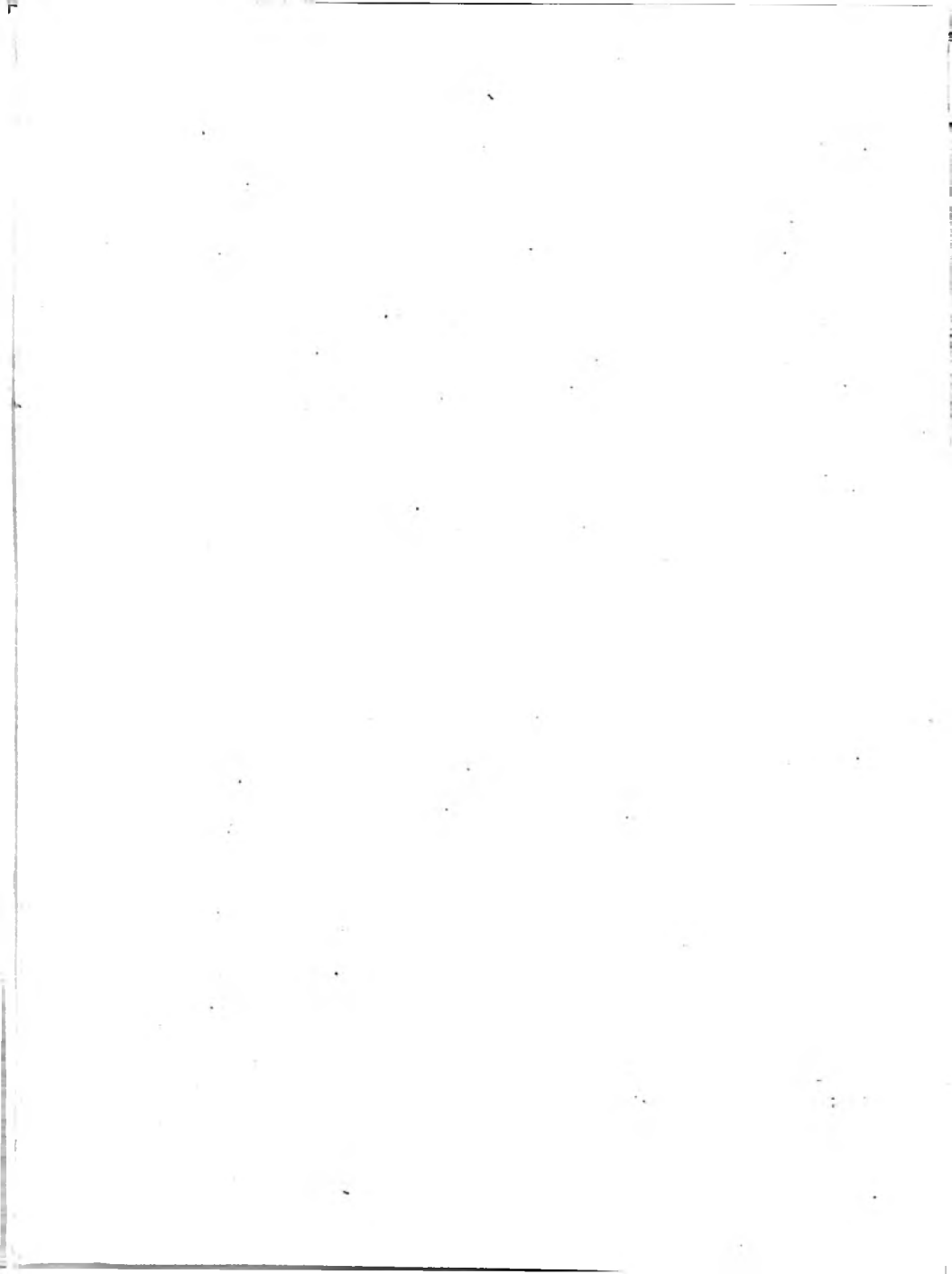
(d) The Directing Committee has full power to contract, acquire, transfer, receive, and bring or defend actions at law and compromise in the name of the Bureau.

(e) The Director acting as President of the Directing Committee represents the Bureau in law; the Secretary-General shall, under the supervision of the Directing Committee, represent the Bureau as far as concerns ordinary transactions.

(f) The Directing Committee can, by a special resolution, nominate one of its members or any other member of the personnel of the Bureau to represent it either in law or in ordinary transactions.

(g) The undertakings into which the Secretary-General, or any other representative of the Bureau, may enter in this capacity and in the name of the Bureau cannot render him in any way personally responsible.

44. (a) Actual travelling expenses and an allowance for change of residence will be paid to the Directors and Secretary-General when they first

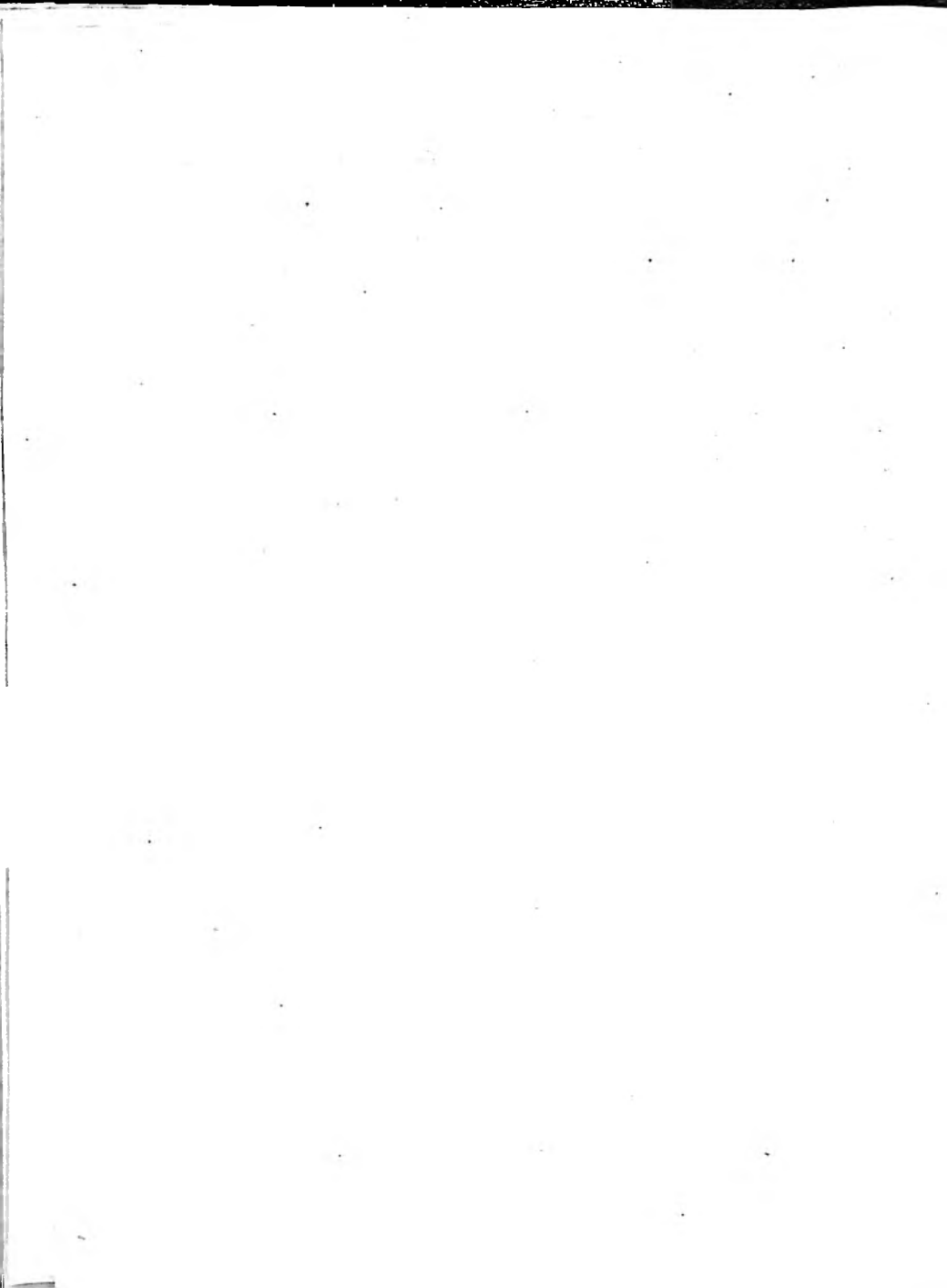


take up and when they relinquish their appointments; provided, in the latter case, that this is done with the approval of the Directing Committee or by a decision of a Conference.

(b) In case of the death of a Director or of the Secretary-General the payment of the allowance for change of residence shall be at the discretion of the Directing Committee.

(c) Should any of the Directors or the Secretary-General be absent on duty from the seat of the Bureau, actual travelling expenses and a subsistence allowance will be paid.

(d) The change of residence and subsistence allowances shall be calculated on scales drawn up by the Directing Committee.



VIII

PUBLICATIONS OF THE BUREAU.

45. (a) In the month of January of each year or when the Auditor of the League of Nations has made his Report, the Bureau will publish an Annual Report on its work and finance.

(b) A list of the official Representatives of the Members and their respective addresses shall be included in the Annual Report.

(c) The Directing Committee shall draw up and publish annually during the month of September, estimates of receipts and expenditure for the following year, with all necessary explanations.

46. (a) The Bureau will issue a periodical publication called "The Hydrographic Review" in which shall be inserted reports on : —

- (i) Hydrographic subjects,
- (ii) subjects allied to Hydrography,
- (iii) the work carried out by the Bureau,
- (iv) the work which it is preparing,
- (v) the work which it proposes to undertake, and
- (vi) any other subject of general interest with reference to Hydrographic Services and the Bureau.

(b) Should any matter appear to be of an urgent character, it will be published and distributed without delay.

47. — As far as possible the Bureau will collect complete information on the subjects of the history, the organisation and the work of Hydrographic Services, and will publish such information in the Review.

48. — The Directing Committee will determine the sale prices of the publications, but copies thereof will be supplied gratis, as far as possible, to the Members.

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INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCES.

49. — The Delegates of the Members, Representatives of the League of Nations in a consultative capacity and the Directing Committee and Secretary-General of the Bureau shall meet in Conference, as a general rule, every five years commencing from the date of the establishment of the Bureau.

50. (a) A Supplementary Conference may be held at any time if the majority of the Members, either on the initiative of one of them or on that of the Directing Committee of the Bureau, considers this necessary.

(b) These Supplementary Conferences will not involve any change in the Directing Committee or of the Secretary-General, unless this subject is specially brought forward for consideration.

51. — The languages used at the Conferences shall be English and French.

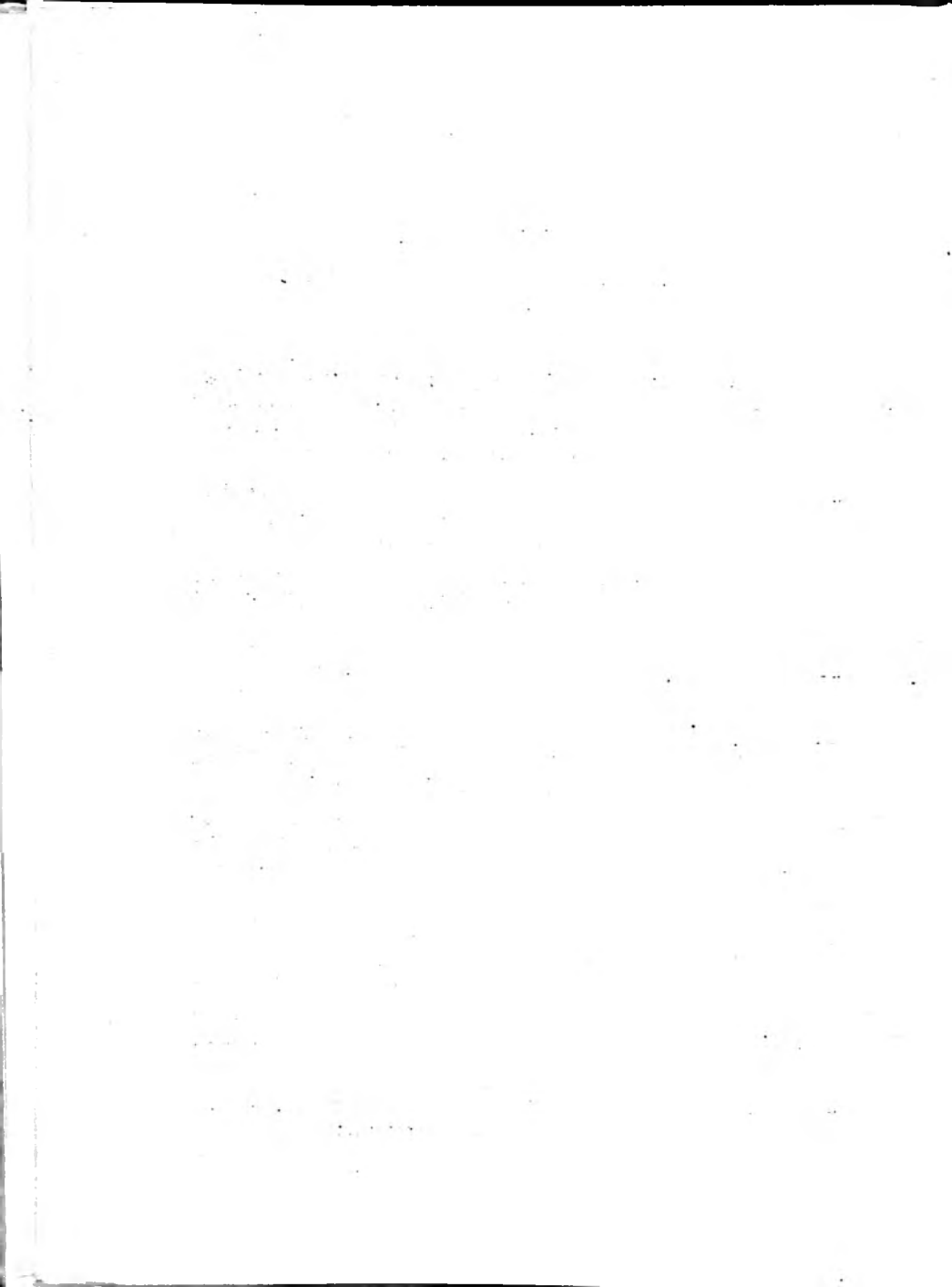
52. (a) The Bureau will arrange the holding, and organise the meetings, of International Hydrographic Conferences; these will be held at Monaco unless advantageous invitations to hold them elsewhere are received.

(b) It will invite the Members to appoint Delegates to a Conference and will submit, for their approval, invitations to other States to do likewise. No such proposed invitation will be despatched unless it is agreed to by at least two thirds of the number of Members.

53. (a) Each Member should send, if possible, two or more Delegates to the Periodic Conferences; these Delegates should be qualified specialists and one of them should be, for preference, the Head of the Hydrographic Service.

(b) At Supplementary Conferences the number and qualifications of the Delegates will depend upon the object or objects for which the Conference is convoked.

54. (a) Each State shall defray the expenses of its own Delegation and in no case shall these be chargeable to the funds of the Bureau.



(b) Should the Bureau not be in a position to meet all the expenses entailed by the meeting of a Conference, the Members shall be liable for the balance in proportion to their annual contributions.

55. (a) Periodic Conferences will specially examine the reports of the Bureau as to its work and its finances since the last Conference. For this purpose, in their early stages, small committees will be nominated, the conclusions of which will be submitted to a Plenary session of the Conference.

(b) The members of the Directing Committee and the Secretary-General will hold themselves at the disposal of these Committees.

56. (a) Twelve months before the proposed date of meeting of each periodic Conference the Bureau will invite the Members to propose lists of subjects and questions to be discussed with explanatory memoranda. On receipt thereof, the Bureau will prepare a schedule, which shall include a list of subjects and questions proposed by the Directing Committee, with explanatory memoranda. This, together with the report on the work of the Bureau and its finances since the last conference mentioned in Article 55 (a), shall be dispatched to the Members six months before the proposed date of meeting.

(b) No subject, which is not included in the final schedule, shall be discussed unless it is proposed by at least three of the Delegations of the Members; the President of the Conference must be notified in writing not less than 24 hours beforehand of the intention to introduce such subject.

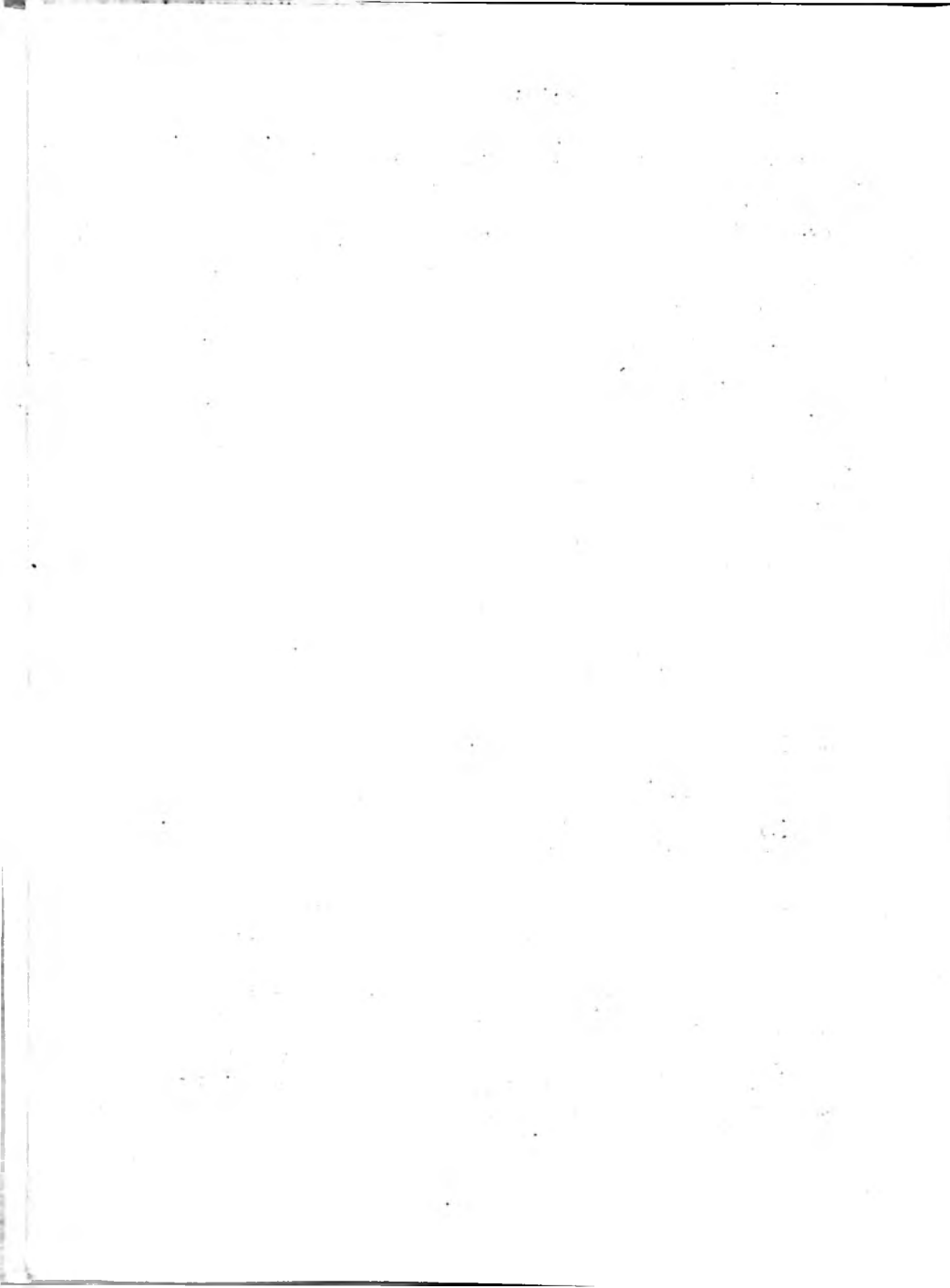
57. (a) Each Member has one vote only on all questions submitted to Conferences; the only exceptions to this are those which are laid down in Article 59, (v) and (x).

(b) A State which is not a Member, and is represented at a Conference, shall vote on questions of a technical character only, provided that these do not affect the organisation of the Bureau. It shall have one vote only in such cases.

58. (a) On the first cast, the decision will rest with the absolute majority of votes.

(b) On the second cast, it will rest with the relative majority, provided that more than half of the Members have voted.

(c) Where the voting for and against is evenly divided, the President of the Conference shall be empowered to make a decision, except in the case of the elections referred to in Article 59 (ix).



59. — For the appointment of the Directors, and for the selection of the Secretary-General, the elections for which purposes will be held by secret ballot at the end of a Conference, the following procedure shall be followed :—

(i) Each Member shall send to the Bureau two lists of candidates of the nationality of any Member. The first list shall include the names of the candidates for the Directorship and the second those for the Secretaryship. These lists must reach the Bureau at least ten days before the opening date of the Conference.

(ii) The name of each candidate shall be accompanied by a note giving his title to the position for which he is a candidate.

(iii) If a Member does not wish to submit any candidates for election, a list or lists marked "Nil" should be forwarded.

(iv) The Bureau will then collate the lists sent by the States Members and present them to each delegation at the opening of the Conference with copies of the notes referred to in par. (ii) of this Article.

(v) For the purpose of electing the Directors, the Delegation of each Member shall fill up a number of voting papers equal to the number of votes allocated to it (*see* Article 35 a). On these shall be inscribed, in sequence of preference, the names of not more than three Candidates, and these must be those of candidates of different nationalities.

(vi) In order that the preference shown on the voting papers may be recorded when counting the votes, the 1st candidate on each voting paper shall be awarded 3 points for each vote so recorded; the second candidate 2 points and the third, one point.

(vii) The three candidates of different nationalities who have recorded the greatest number of points shall be proclaimed Directors. The principles of Article 58 (a) and (b) will apply.

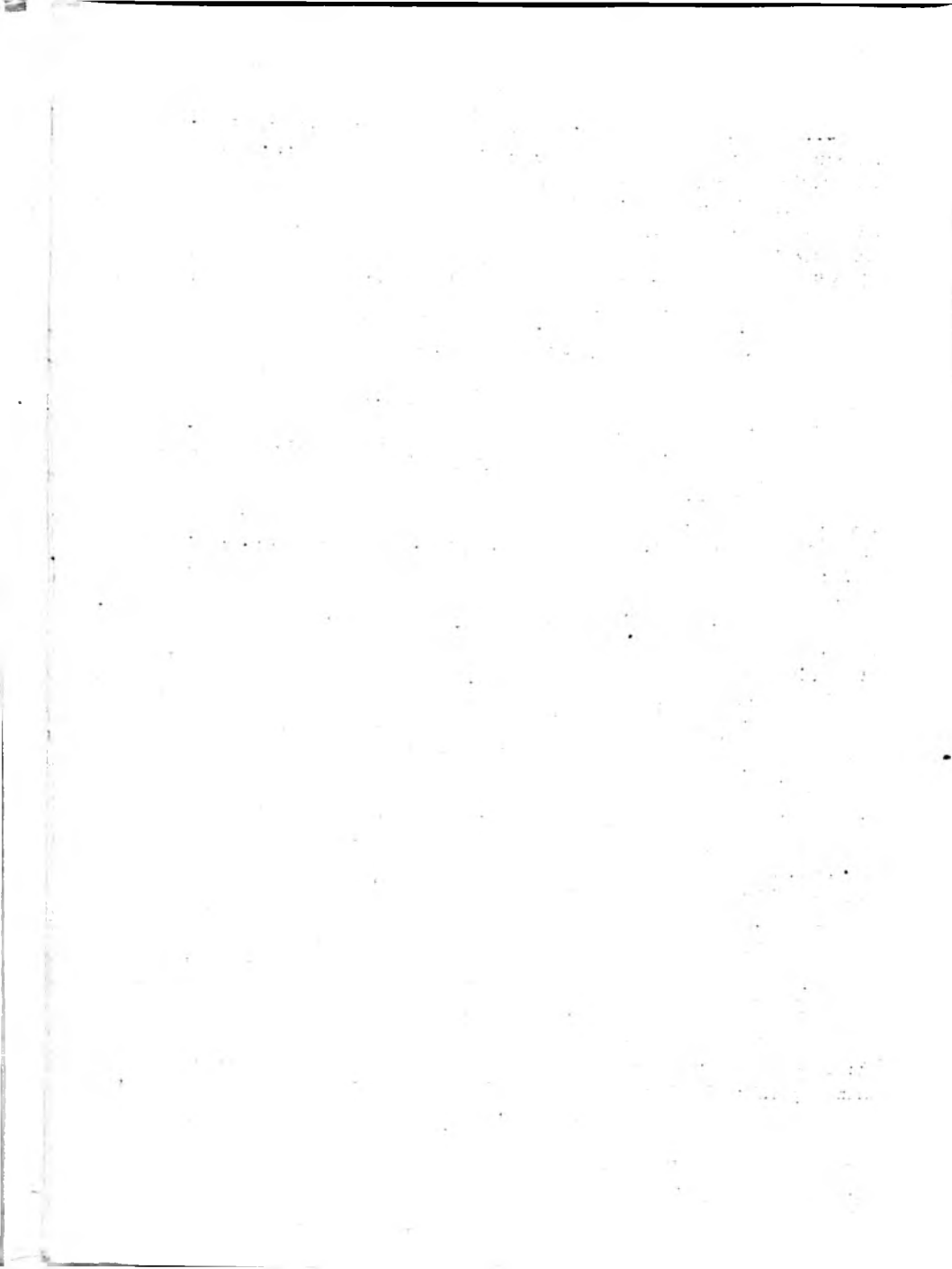
(viii) The candidate to whom the highest number of points has been allocated shall be President of the Directing Committee.

(ix) Should it occur that, in the three largest numbers of points recorded, two or more candidates have been awarded an equal number of points, the relative positions of such candidates shall be determined by a new ballot.

(x) For the selection of the candidates for the post of Secretary-General, the Delegation of each Member shall fill up a number of voting papers equal to the number of votes allocated to it (*see* Article 35 a). On these shall be inscribed, in order of preference, the names of three candidates of any nationality.

Points will be allocated in the manner laid down in par. (vi).

(xi) The Directors elect shall choose a Secretary-General from amongst the three candidates who have recorded the highest number of points, and, as soon as possible, shall announce their decision to the Members.



X

DECISIONS DURING THE PERIODS BETWEEN CONFERENCES.

60. If, between Conferences, a vacancy occurs in the Directing Committee or in the post of Secretary-General, the by-election for the purpose of filling the vacancy shall be conducted by letter unless, in the opinion of the Directing Committee, the near approach of a Conference makes this unnecessary.

(i) The Committee will invite the Members to send a list of candidates and notes of their services in accordance with pars. (i), (ii) and (iii) of Article 59 and on the receipt of these, a similar procedure to that laid down in that Article will be carried out.

(ii) Those States Members which lie at such a distance from the seat of the Bureau that postal matter ordinarily occupies more than 10 days in transit each way, should appoint a Representative to fill up the voting papers and return them to the Bureau. Such Representatives should be within 10 days mailing distance of the seat of the Bureau.

The Members affected are : —

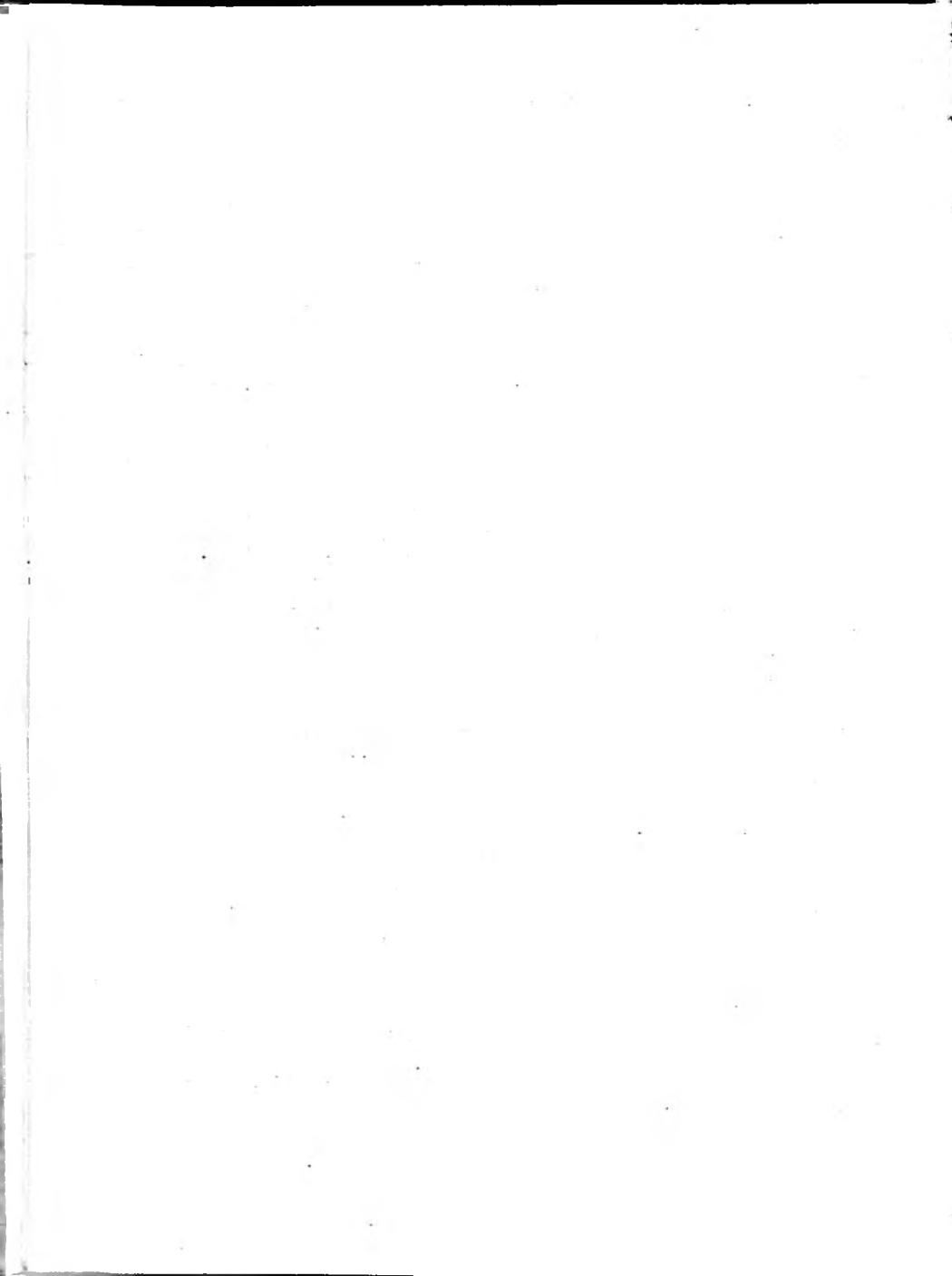
All extra-European Members except Egypt and the U.S. of America.

(iii) On completion of the procedure mentioned in par. (i) the Committee will make a report immediately, and this shall be sent to each Member. It will then invite the elected candidate to take up his appointment.

(iv) When a Director or Secretary-General has been elected to fill a vacancy, his appointment shall terminate at the period when that of his predecessor would have terminated had he retained his post.

(v) His salary shall be paid as from the first day of the month in which he takes up his appointment.

(vi) With reference to Article 59 (viii), a Director elected to fill a vacancy will take precedence after the other Directors.

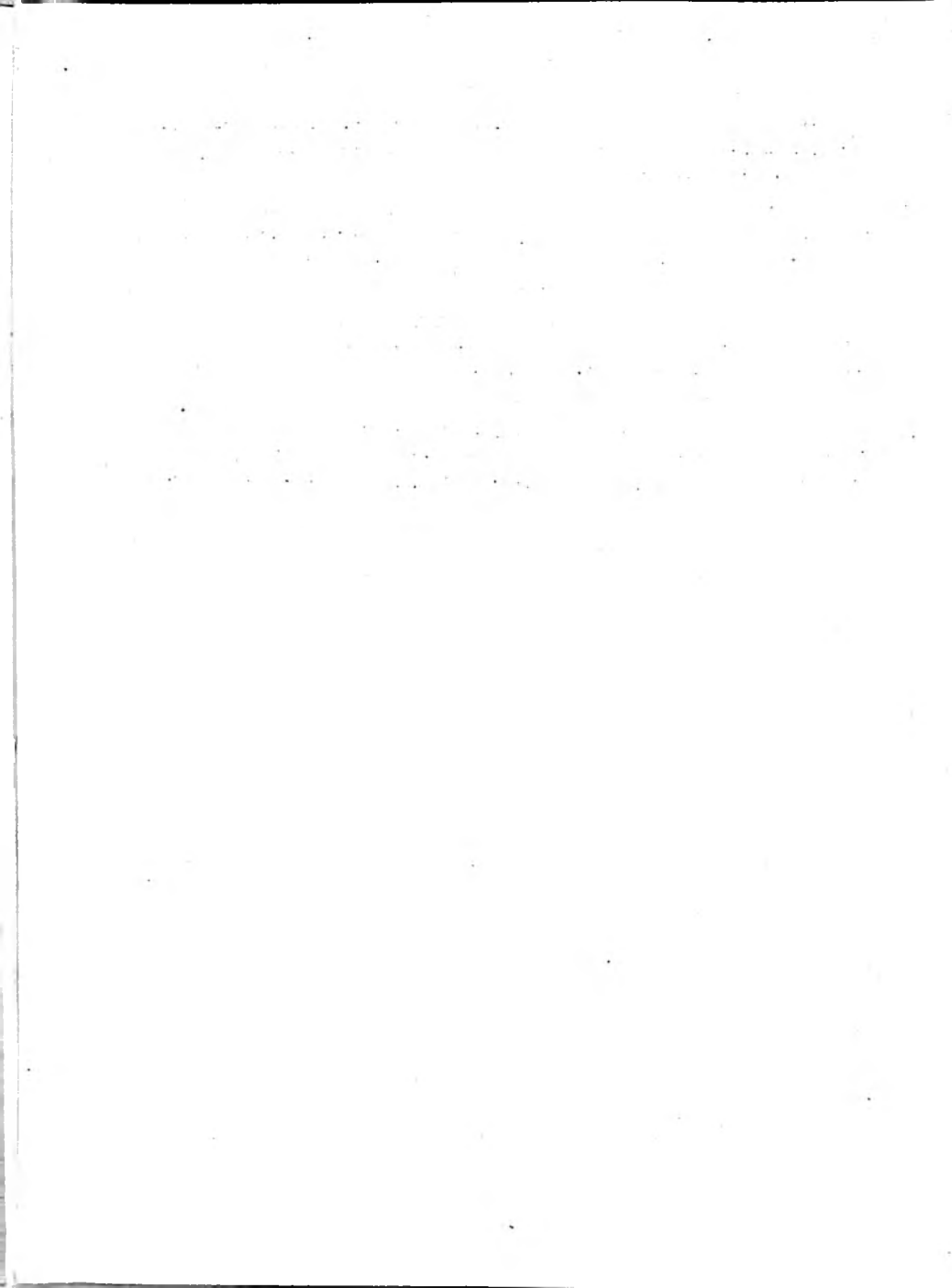


61. (a) The Directing Committee shall make the necessary decisions with reference to questions which arise during the period between Conferences, except as to those specially provided for in the Statutes.

(b) Should the Committee consider however that any question should be referred to the Members for solution, it shall refer it by Circular-Letter to the Representatives thereof requesting them to ascertain and forward to the Bureau the wishes of their Governments.

(c) On such questions each State shall have one vote only, as provided for in Article 57 (a), and the provisions of Article 58 (a) and (b) shall apply. If on the second cast the voting for and against is evenly divided the question shall be deferred for discussion at the next Conference.

(d) In cases where circumstances do not allow the procedure laid down in the Statutes to be followed, the Directing Committee shall make the necessary decisions but, if this is done, it shall make immediate report to the Members.



XI

SUPPRESSION OF THE BUREAU.

62. — The Bureau may be suppressed by decision of a Conference.

63. — The suppression of the Bureau having been decided upon, the following procedure shall be adopted : —

(i) The personnel shall be reduced to a minimum and each member shall receive three months salary from the date of cessation of service.

(ii) The Directing Committee, assisted by the Secretary-General, shall be responsible for the liquidation of the affairs of the Bureau.

Their salaries shall be paid to the last day of the third month succeeding that in which suppression was decided upon.

(iii) Should it be impossible to complete the liquidation within this period, the President will conclude this in the shortest time possible and the payment of his salary shall be continued until the end of the month in which the liquidation is completed, but not later than the last day of the sixth month succeeding that in which the suppression was decided upon.

(iv) Members who have not paid their full contributions, or who are debtors to the Bureau on any other account, will be debited with the amounts due.

(v) The credit or debit balance of the Bureau shall be divided in proportion to the amounts of their annual contributions amongst the actual Members at the moment when the suppression is decided upon.

XII

TEXTS OF THE STATUTES.

64. — Changes in the texts of these Statutes may be made by both Supplementary and Periodic Conferences or under the circumstances mentioned in Article 61 (b) and (d). Such changes must receive the approval of at least two thirds of the number of Members, except in the cases provided for in Article 61 (d).

65. These Statutes shall be drawn up in English and French; should any divergence be found in the meaning of the two texts the Directing Committee will decide on the precise interpretation.

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APPENDIX A.

(See Article 2)

List of States which were Members of the International Hydrographic Bureau at its creation in June 1921 : --

ARGENTINE	CHINA	NORWAY
BELGIUM	DENMARK	PERU
BRAZIL	FRANCE	PORTUGAL
BRITISH EMPIRE	GREECE	SIAM
<i>United Kingdom</i>	JAPAN	SPAIN
<i>Australia</i>	MONACO	SWEDEN
CHILE	NETHERLANDS	

APPENDIX B.

(See Article 2)

List of States which have joined the International Hydrographic Bureau subsequent to its establishment : —

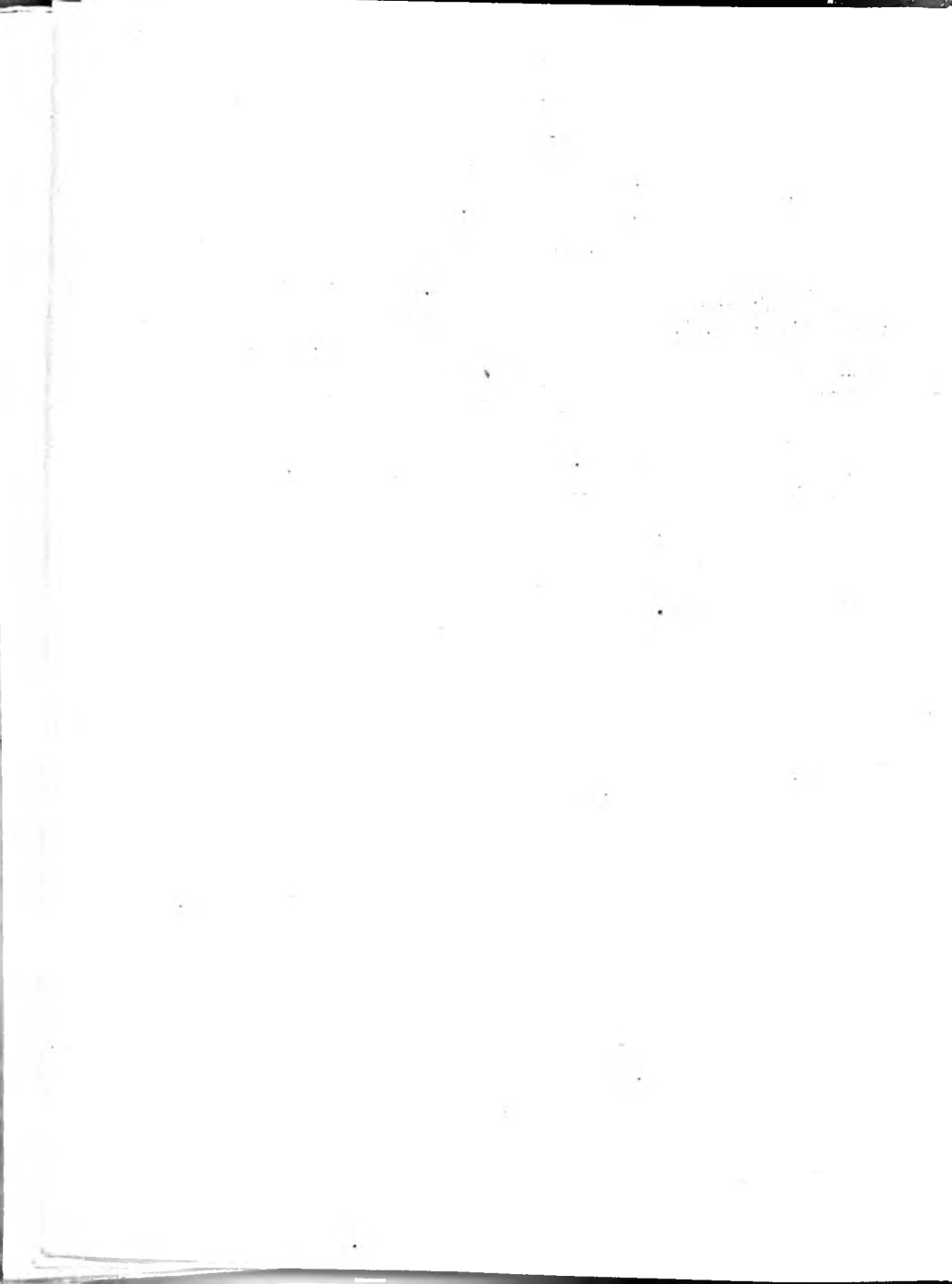
ITALY	1921	POLAND	1926
EGYPT	1922	GERMANY	1926
U. S. OF AMERICA.....	1922		

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(See Article 2)

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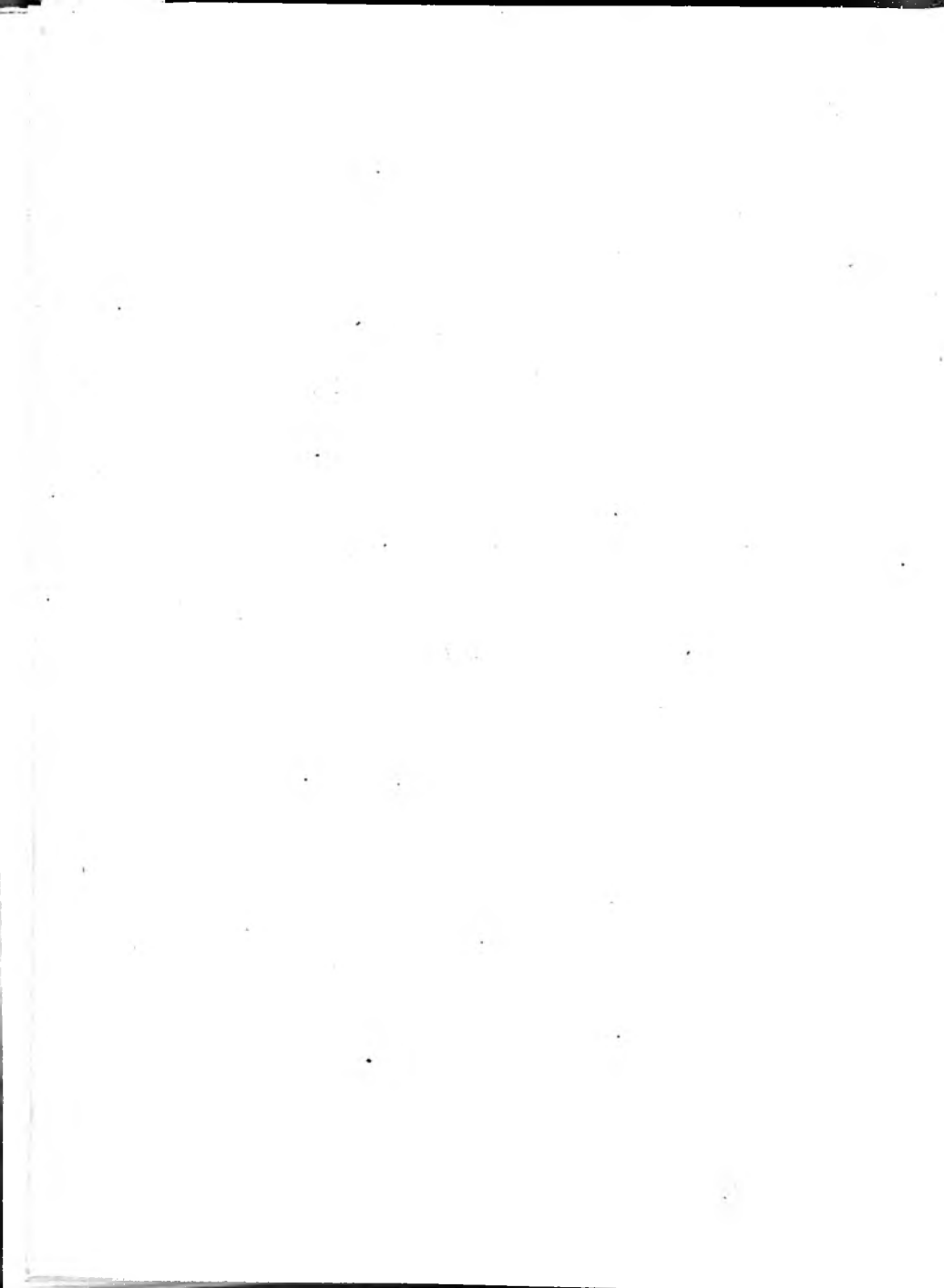


APPENDIX D.

(See Article 34 (b))

TONNAGE OWNED BY MEMBERS

STATES	TONNAGE	STATES	TONNAGE
ARGENTINE	220,000	ITALY	1,765,000
BRAZIL	315,000	JAPAN	4,670,048
BRITISH EMPIRE		MONACOunder	50,000
<i>United Kingdom</i>	20,850,000	NETHERLANDS	2,581,853
<i>Australia</i>		NORWAY	2,615,000
CHILE	152 000	PERU	55,000
CHINA	446,000	POLAND	3,350
DENMARK	875,000	PORTUGAL	239,906
EGYPTunder	50,000	SIAM	23,407
FRANCE	39,783,40	SPAIN	870,000
GERMANY	3,225,662	SWEDEN	1,362,500
GREECE	978,000	U. S. OF AMERICA.....	17,916,837



APPENDIX E.

(See Articles 35, 36 & 37)

TABLE OF SHARES, VOTES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

STATES MEMBERS of the I. H. B.	SHARES & VOTES.			CONTRIBUTIONS. GOLD FRANCS	U. S. \$
	Fixed.	Suppl.	Total.		
ARGENTINE	2	2	4	8.000	1543.62
BRAZIL	2	2	4	8.000	1543.62
BRITISH EMPIRE					
<i>U. K. & Australia</i>	2	15	17	34.000	6560.40
CHILE	2	1	3	6.000	1157.72
CHINA	2	3	5	10.000	1929.53
DENMARK	2	4	6	12.000	2315.44
EGYPT	2	-	2	4.000	771.81
FRANCE	2	7	9	18.000	3473.15
GERMANY	2	6	8	16.000	3087.25
GREECE	2	4	6	12.000	2315.44
ITALY	2	5	7	14.000	2701.34
JAPAN	2	7	9	18.000	3473.15
NETHERLANDS	2	6	8	16.000	3087.25
NORWAY	2	6	8	16.000	3087.25
PERU	2	1	3	6.000	1157.72
POLAND	2	-	2	4.000	771.81
PORTUGAL	2	2	4	8.000	1543.62
SIAM	2	-	2	4.000	771.81
SPAIN	2	4	6	12.000	2315.44
SWEDEN	2	4	6	12.000	2315.44
U. S. OF AMERICA.....	2	13	15	30.000	5788.59
	42	92	134	268.000 gold frs.	51711.40
MONACO *			2	6.000 French fr. paper	

* See Article 35 (b).



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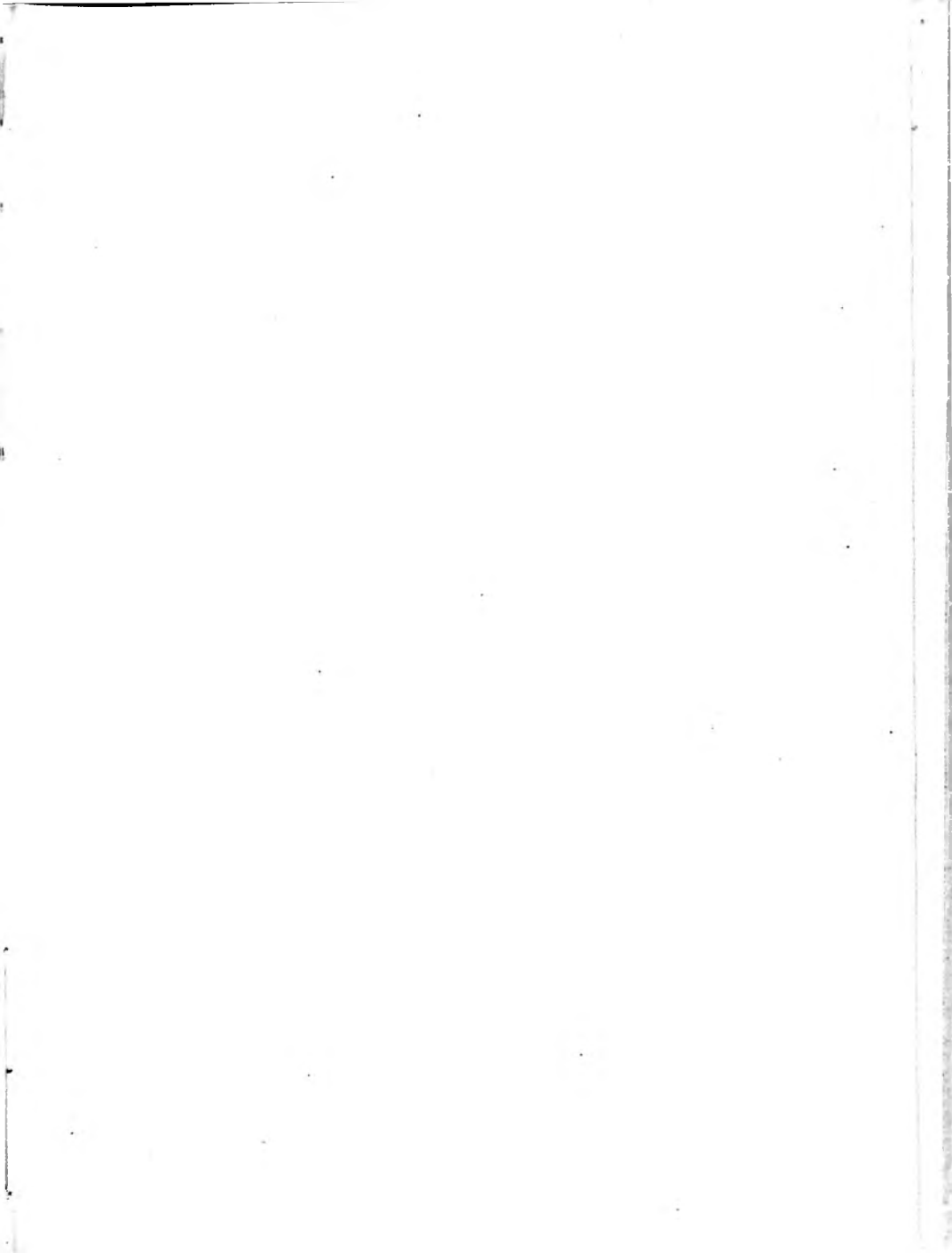
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I have the honour to inform you that Captain Louis TONTA, assumed the duties of Director of this Bureau on 1st March 1927.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Osric Robinson

Secretary-General.